

# Nine die in Ilesha-Ibadan road accident

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**B**ARELY 10 days after 12 persons lost their lives in an auto crash on Sekona-Ife road; nine persons were killed in an auto crash on the Ilesha-Ibadan expressway on Wednesday.

No fewer than 20 persons were seriously injured in the crash, which left sympathisers and rescue workers emotionally devastated.

The injured were taken to the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital, Ile-Ife and the Wesley Guild Hospital, Ilesha for treatment.

Our correspondent gathered that the accident occurred when a Lagos-bound commercial bus that was coming from Ekiti State had a burst tyre and somersaulted several times afterwards.

The vehicle with a burst tyre ran into another Lagos-bound bus that was about to overtake it, causing multiple accidents.

The commercial bus that was overtaking was also coming from Ekiti State.

Both vehicles had full passenger capacity.

Each was a 19-seater bus. The registration numbers of the vehicles are Ekiti SA 345 KLE and Lagos SH 211 APP.

Head, Federal Road Safety Commission, Ife Unit, Mr. Jonathan Owoade, who led rescue operation to the scene of the accident, said the corpses of

the nine had been deposited at the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital, Ile-Ife.

Acting Sector Commander, FRSC, Osun State, Mr. Peter Oke, urged motorists to desist from reckless driving and the use of *tokunbo* tyres.

He said carnage on the highways could be curbed if motorists drove carefully.

## Politicians defy FRSC over posters, billboards

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**D**ESPITE the order by the Federal Road Safety Commission, that politicians should stop pasting posters and erecting banners at roundabouts, the situation has continued unchecked in Osun State.

Investigation by our correspondent on Wednesday, in Osogbo, revealed that major roundabouts within the capital city were defaced with posters and banners of aspirants of various political parties.

Specifically, the reflective traffic sign at the West-Bypass roundabout at Osogbo Ring Road has been covered with posters of political aspirants.

The flag of the Peoples Democratic Party and posters of the Action Congress gubernatorial candidate, Mr. Rauf Aregbesola and another gubernatorial aspirant of the PDP, Chief Kola Ogunwale, were seen at the roundabout.

Many accidents, which claimed lives, have occurred at the roundabout in