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30 burnt to death in Sagamu auto crash

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No fewer than 30 people were burnt to death on Sunday night in a multiple auto accident involving seven vehicles near Sagamu on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

Ten people were also injured in the accident in which some cars in the convoy of the Minister of Mines and Steel Development, Alhaji Sarafa Ishola, were also involved.

Among the injured were two aides of the minister whose names could not be ascertained by our correspondent as at Monday evening.

It was learnt that the minister's aides were coming from Lagos where their boss had gone to board an aircraft to Abuja when the accident occurred around 11pm on Sunday.

The remains of the deceased were deposited at the mortuary of the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital, Sagamu.

Eight of the injured persons were being treated for various degrees of burns when our correspondent visited the hospital.

The seven vehicles, according to eyewitnesses, included a fuel tanker, four commercial buses and two cars.

It was learnt that the tanker fell after running into an undulating part of the road near Sagamu Interchange.

One of the eyewitnesses said that a commercial bus rammed into the tanker which had spilled petrol on the road.

He said that a fire that broke out as result of the impact of the accident spread to five other vehicles behind the bus.

As at 10am on Monday, officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission and policemen were still busy clearing the wreckage of burnt vehicles from the road.

When contacted, the Commissioner of Police, Ogun State Command, Mr. Joseph Apapa, confirmed that 30 people died in the accident.

Apapa said that all the 18 passengers in one of the buses were burnt to death.

At the OOUTH, a doctor, who pleaded anonymity, said the injured persons were being treated at the intensive care unit of the hospital.

The doctor confirmed that two aides of the minister were among the injured persons.

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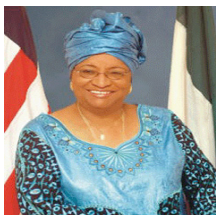
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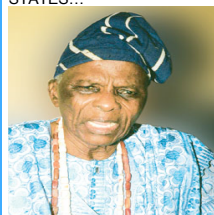


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