

# 10 persons killed on Lokoja-Okene road

**T**EN persons were feared dead in an accident that occurred on Wednesday, at Irepeni village along the Lokoja-Okene road.

A statement by the Public Education Officer, Federal Road Safety Commission, Kogi State, Mr. Jide Olatunde said four of the dead were burnt beyond recognition, one person was seriously injured while many others sustained minor injuries.

The accident involved a Luxury bus, registered XJ888APP, a Peugeot 504 saloon car with registration number AH870BDG, a DAF Truck with registration number XF532AKR and a Tanker whose registration number

could not be ascertained as at press time.

The statement said the accident was caused by wrongful overtaking and dangerous driving, which made the tanker to hit the luxury bus and the Peugeot car before finally dragging the Truck off the road, after a collision.

The tanker and the truck immediately caught fire, burning completely the occupants. Some passengers in the luxury bus also lost their lives.

State Sector Commander, Mr. Kayode Olagunju, led the FRSC Officials, Policemen and Fire Servicemen to the scene.

As at Thursday, efforts were still on to remove the carcass of

the burnt vehicles.

Five corpses were deposited at the Ankuri Mortuary, Lokoja, and one at the General Hospital, Okene.

The statement said the four bodies burnt beyond recognition might be given mass burial after securing necessary authorisation. The seriously injured victim is also receiving treatment at the Okene General Hospital.

The Sector Command has therefore called on all whose relations traveled on the Lokoja-Okene road around 7.30pm on Wednesday and were yet to arrive at their destinations to visit Ankuri Mortuary and the General

Hospital, Okene, for possible location.

Meanwhile, the Sector Commander, has called on motorists, especially those passing through Kogi State to be safety conscious always.

He advised them to always obey traffic rules and regulations, warning that the command would not hesitate to seek commitment of the recalcitrant and dangerous drivers to prison, through the three Mobile Courts in the state.

He informed that, in the last two sittings of the mobile courts, 146 drivers were sentenced to various prison terms, though with options of fines.