

# Five die, four injured in auto crash

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**F**IVE passengers died in an auto crash on Sagamu-Benin Expressway, Ogun State, when two vehicles collided around 11pm on Thursday.

Doctors at the FEMTOP Hospital, Ijebu-Ode, had been battling to save the lives of four other seriously injured occupants of the vehicles.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission in Ogun State, Mr. Olu-Mike Olagunju, told our

correspondent that the accident occurred at Atoyo, near Ogbere.

He said the accident involved a Peugeot J5 bus, marked Lagos XP 332 MUS, and a white unmarked imported second-hand Mitsubishi L300.

The FRSC boss said the Mitsubishi bus, on its way to the Benin end, collided with the passenger vehicle while driving against traffic.

Olagunju explained that the imported second hand vehicle, popularly known as tokunbo,

drove against oncoming vehicle in its attempts to evade the police checkpoints along the highway.

"You know it's a new vehicle and the tendency is for the people at the checkpoints to want to examine vehicle very well. So, in order to evade the prying eyes of the policemen at the checkpoints, the driver decided to take one way and collided with the passenger bus in the process," he said.

He said the dead passengers had been deposited in the morgue of the

General Hospital, Ijebu Ife, while the injured are said to be gradually responding to treatment at the private hospital.

The sector commander added that the vehicles and the belongings of the dead and the injured had been transferred to the Ogbere police station.

Olagunju reminded motorists to keep to traffic regulations in order to maintain sanity on the road and refrain also from endangering the lives of other commuters on the road.