

# Five die in Ogun auto crash

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Five persons were confirmed dead while 13 others were injured in an accident which occurred on Tuesday along the Lagos/Ibadan Expressway.

The auto crash, which occurred at the Eldorado axis at Ayetoro village in Obafemi-Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State, involved a DAF truck with number plate GNN 774 XA and a white Mazda commercial bus with number plate APP 36 XA.

Our correspondent gathered that the accident was caused by speeding by the driver of the white Mazda commercial bus travelling outward Lagos. The driver, it was learnt, lost control after he overtook other vehicles and rammed the vehicle into the stationary DAF truck.

Eyewitness account had it that a nursing mother and two of her children were among the five persons who died in the auto crash, which occurred around 1.20pm.

Both the Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Ogun State, Adegoke Adetunji and the Public Relations Officer of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the accident.

They said the five victims were four males and a female.

Akinbiyi, who spoke with our correspondent on the telephone, attributed the cause of the accident to speeding and dangerous driving by the driver of the Mazda commercial bus.

He added that the driver of the Mazda bus wrongly overtook another vehicle on the expressway before crashing into the truck.

Adetunji, in his own account, explained that 23 people were involved out of which five persons lost their lives while 16 others were critically injured.

The FRSC boss also confirmed that the driver of the Mazda passenger bus violated the speed limit, wrongly overtook other vehicles, lost control and eventually rammed into the moving truck from the rear.

Akinbiyi said the corpses had been deposited at the morgue of the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital, Sagamu, while those injured were also receiving treatment in the same hospital.

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