

Five die in Lagos-Ibadan Expressway crash

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No fewer than five people have lost their lives in an accident in the Mowe end of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Ogun State.

Our correspondent learnt on Thursday that the deceased included three motorcycle passengers, the motorcycle rider and a passerby.

The Ogun State Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Clement Oladele, who confirmed the tragedy, said the accident was caused by speeding.

He added that nobody died in the Toyota Hiace and Toyota Camry involved in the accident.

He said, “The Ogun State Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps has reported a fatal crash in which five persons, comprising four people on a motorcycle and another passerby died.

“The accident happened around 4.50pm in the Mowe end of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. The total number of people involved in the crash was 16, comprising 11 male adult and five female adult.

“One male adult was injured, but five men died in the crash. The dead victims were the four persons on a motorcycle operated on the expressway and another passerby.

“The suspected cause of the multiple crash is speeding, which led to loss of control where four persons on the motorcycle, including the rider, were crushed to death together with another passerby. None of the occupants of the two vehicles died in the crash.”

Oladele said the injured victim was taken to a hospital, while the dead were transported to a morgue in Sagamu.

The sector commander reiterated the need for motorcyclists to obey the National Road Traffic Regulations 2012, which precluded riding of motorcycles with less than 50-cubic capacity on expressways.