

Three die, 11 injured in Ogun crash

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THREE persons were confirmed dead while 11 others sustained varying degrees of injury in an auto accident involving a white Mazda bus and a truck at Sowo village in Ogun State on Friday.

The Public Relations Officer of the state's Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps in a statement on Saturday confirmed the incident.

Akinbiyi said the accident occurred around 7.30pm and was caused by the truck driver who was making a U-turn before the commercial bus rammed into it.

He said, "The commercial bus with registration number AAA 45 XS left Kuto Park in Abeokuta and was heading for Ketu in Lagos through the Abeokuta-Kobape-Siun-Sagamu/Interchange Expressway when the accident occurred.

"The truck with registration number XS 764 AGL caused the accident by making an illegal U-turn and with no illumination (full light) to indicate that a vehicle is making a U-turn, before the bus ram into it."

He added, "Fourteen passengers were in the bus, eight female and six male. Three men died while eight women and three men sustained varying degrees of injury."

Akinbiyi said those injured in the crash had been receiving treatment at Federal Medical Centre, Idi-Aba, Abeokuta, General Hospital, Ijaiye, and Joseph /Christianah Hospital, Oke-Ilewo, all in Abeokuta.

He added that the dead bodies were deposited at the General Hospital, Ijaiye, Abeokuta.

He, however, said the driver of the truck fled after the crash.

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He said the rally was to also drum up support for President Muhammadu Buhari, the presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress and his running mate, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, in their re-election bid.

Musa, who also spoke with the *News Agency of Nigeria* during a programme after the rally, said, "We are for the APC; we will support the APC by God's grace. We will use our voter card to give them that support."

Members of the Nagari Nakowa Motorcycle Owners and Riders Association, Lagos, and Tricycle Owners and Drivers Association of Lagos were part of the rally.