

15 die in Ogun auto crashes

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• Scenes of one of the accidents

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No fewer than 15 lives were lost on Sunday in two separate accidents in Ogun State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that while 12 people died in an accident that happened along the Abeokuta-Sagamu Road, three people lost their lives along the Ijagun Expressway.

The Abeokuta-Sagamu Road accident, which happened around 1pm, involved two vehicles, a black KIA Cerato car with number plate KJA 806 BT, and a grey Totoya Sports space bus with number plate LSR 334 FF.

The Ogun State Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Clement Oladele, who confirmed the accident, blamed it on excessive speeding by the driver of the KIA Cerato car, adding that the car suffered a burst tyre.

The FRSC boss said the driver was suspected to have applied the brakes suddenly, which made him to lose control of the car.

He stated that the car jumped over the road divider and collided with the Toyota space bus, which was travelling from Abeokuta to Sagamu.

Oladele said, “The unfortunate crash killed all the occupants of the two ill-fated vehicles. The suspected causes of the crash are tyre burst and excessive speeding.

“Five male adults and six female adults as well as one child lost their lives in the crash.

“The dead victims have been taken to the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital’s mortuary in Sagamu.”

He urged members of the public, whose family members travelled within the period, to contact the FRSC state command headquarters in Abeokuta or the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital, Sagamu, for the identification of the victims.

The sector commander also advised motorists to ensure that their vehicles were in good conditions, including driving with good tyres and avoiding excessive speed.

Meanwhile, three people lost their lives along the Ijagun Expressway.

The victims, identified simply as Shizzy, Khalifa and Imole, were said to be returning from a club around 1am on Sunday when the incident happened.

It was gathered that the victims, who were occupants of a Toyota Camry car with number plate, AAA 92 FH, which crashed into a moving truck with number plate USL 120 XB.

According to Oladele, the driver of the car was on high speed and lost control of the car.

Oladele, who noted that the driver of the truck later reported himself to the police, added that the corpses had been deposited in the Ijebu Ode General Hospital’s mortuary.