

Bride, four others die in Ogun accident

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Scene of the accident

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Five persons including a newlywed woman reportedly died and 14 injured after two vehicles collided head-on at Akila village, along the Abeokuta-Ibadan Expressway, Odeda Local Government Area of Ogun State, on Friday.

According to sources, the accident happened at about 9.20pm. A husband and wife were believed to be among the victims of the accident.

The Ogun Sector Commandant of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Mr Clement Oladele, and the Public Relations Officer of the Traffic Compliance Enforcement Corps in the state, Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the accident.

In a statement, Akinbiyi said a truck with registration number LAR 114YD collided with a yellow bus with registration no MUS367XV in an attempt by the speeding driver to avoid potholes on the road.

He said 15 persons comprising 11 males and four females were involved in the accident.

According to the TRACE chief, two people survived unhurt, while eight persons comprising two females and six males sustained varying degrees of injury.

But the FRSC boss said in a statement that a Mazda bus with registration number MUS 367 XU conveying passengers from Ibadan to Abeokuta lost control due to dangerous driving and collided with the truck.

He added that the truck with no registration number crushed the passengers inside the commuter bus.

According to Oladele, 19 persons were involved in the accident that led to the death of five persons and had 14 others injured.

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He said, “The corpses of the victims have been deposited at the morgue of the General Hospital, Ijaye, Abeokuta, while the survivors are receiving treatment at the Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta.

TRACE urged drivers of articulated vehicles to stop reckless driving.

The FRSC implored passengers and the public to report reckless drivers to them through the FRSC toll-free number 122.