

Two die, 15 injured in Ogun road crashes

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Scene of one of the accidents

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Two persons were killed in a road accident that occurred in the Olowotedo area of Mowe on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway on Saturday.

The accident, which occurred around 7.26am, involved a white Toyota Hiace bus with number plate APP 721 ET, which crushed a red Bajaj motorcycle with number plate SRA 156 WE.

The Route Commander, Public Education Officer, Ogun State Sector Command, Federal Road Safety Corps, Florence Okpe, said in a statement on Sunday that eight people were involved in the accident, with five of the injured victims rescued and taken to the Divine Touch Hospital, Mowe, for treatment, while the corpses of the two dead persons were deposited in the morgue of the same hospital.

Okpe stated, “The first of the four crashes on Saturday occurred around 7.26am on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway around the Olowotedo area of Mowe.

“It involved eight persons; three male adults, four female adults and a female child. Two male adults and three female adults were injured. The death of a female adult and female child was recorded in the crash.

“The crash involved a white Toyota Hiace with number plate APP 721 ET and a red Bajaj motorcycle with number plate SRA 156 WE.

“The suspected cause of the crash was excessive speeding, which led to loss of control of the vehicle. The victims were rescued and taken to the Divine Touch Hospital, Mowe, while the corpses of the dead victims were deposited in the hospital’s morgue.”

The Ogun State Sector Commander, FRSC, Clement Oladele, said another crash occurred around 10.22pm also on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway after the Fidiwo Bridge, Saapade, near Ogere, and involved five persons, all male adults.

He said the five sustained injuries, but no death was recorded in the crash.

According to him, the vehicles involved were a white Mazda bus with number plate XB 339 RLG and an ash Toyota Rav4 SUV with no number plate.

Oladele stated that the suspected causes of the crash were dangerous driving and excessive speeding, adding that the victims were evacuated to the Victory Hospital, Ogere.

He said, “The third crash occurred along the Ore-Ijebu Ode Expressway around the Segun Bright filling station. The lone crash occurred around 8.45am. There were three people, all male adults, involved in the crash. One person was injured.

“There was no death recorded in the crash. The vehicle involved in the crash is a green DAF truck with number plate NNR 117 XA.

“The suspected cause of the crash was excessive speeding, which led to loss of control. The injured victim was rescued and taken to the General Hospital, Ijebu Ode, and the obstruction was cleared.

Oladele said there was another crash around 10.20am on the Sagamu-Ijebu Ode Expressway in the Odogbolu area.

According to him, one male adult was involved in the crash and he sustained injuries.

He noted that the affected vehicle was a white Mazda bus with number plate AAA 961 XV.

He stated that the suspected cause of the crash was excessive speeding, which led to the loss of control of the vehicle by the driver.

Oladele said the injured victim was rescued and taken to the RO'ONA Hospital, Ijebu Ode, for medical treatment, while the obstruction had been cleared.

The statement added, "The sector commander reminds motorists to note that the ongoing rehabilitation works on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway by Julius Berger Nigeria Plc require extra care to avoid unnecessary road traffic crashes.

"Motorists have been advised to travel within the maximum speed of 50 kilometres per hour at construction zones as prescribed by the National Road Traffic Regulations, 2012."

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