

Nine killed, 12 injured in two accidents on Sagamu-Benin Expressway

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FRSC boss Adeboboye Oyeyemi

No fewer than nine persons were confirmed dead on Saturday while 12 others sustained various degrees of injuries in separate accidents around Ijebu Ife axis on the Sagamu – Ijebu -Ode – Benin Expressway.

Mr Clement Oladele, Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps in Ogun State, confirmed the incident to the News Agency of Nigeria in Abeokuta.

Oladele explained that the first crash occurred at 5:40a.m, when it was still dark, while the second crash occurred about 8:20a.m on the same corridor at Ijebu Ife in Ogun.

The FRSC boss noted that seven people were involved in the first crash comprising six male adults and one female adult.

He said that two persons were injured in the crash, one male adult and one female adult, saying that other two persons, both male adults died in the crash.

“The crash involved a grey Toyota picnic car marked KTP 812 RG and a red Daf truck with registration number JEG 551 XA

“The crash was suspected to have been caused by armed robbery attacks when the driver of the Toyota picnic suddenly reversed on the highway when he sighted the armed robbers.

”In the process of escaping the oncoming truck, which unsuspectedly rammed into the Toyota Picnic vehicle. The truck in the process fell into a ditch,” he said.

He noted that the two injured victims were rescued and taken to General Hospital, Ijebu-Ode, while the dead were deposited at the same hospital Morgue.

Oladele said that 19 people were involved in the second crash comprising of three male adults and 16 female adults, adding that 10 people were injured while seven died in the crash.

According to the sector commander, one male adult and six female adults died in the accident.

“The crash involved a white Mack tanker marked AGL 667 XX and a Toyota Hiace commuter bus coming from Okitipupa in Ondo state, with registration number KJA 534 XL .

“The accident was caused by speeding and loss of control, which resulted in a head-on collision.

“The commuter bus due to excessive speed could not maneuver the diversion point and in the process had a head-on collision with the coming truck,” he said.

Oladele said that both the injured and the deceased were taken to General Hospital, Ijebu Ode.

Oladele commiserated with the families of the victims and urged them to visit the hospital or the FRSC Command at Ijebu – Ode for details of the two crashes.

He admonished motorists to drive cautiously within the approved speed limits and resist dangerous overtaking to avoid crashes.

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