

Nine burnt to death, three injured in Ogun bus explosion

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Scene of the accident

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No fewer than nine persons were reportedly burnt to death, while three others sustained varying degrees of injuries in a commercial bus explosion that happened at Ijebu Ife along the Ore-Ijebu Ode-Sagamu Road in Ogun State.

The Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Ogun State Command, Clement Oladele, confirmed the incident.

Oladele, in a statement, said the accident occurred at 3:20 pm on Thursday.

He said it was a case of a fire outbreak involving a Toyota Hiace Commercial Bus while on motion with 19 passengers.

The statement read, “The FRSC rescue team on receipt of the information rushed to the venue of the crash scene and commenced rescue operations.

“While some of the passengers were rescued from the raging inferno, some other passengers as of the time of this report are still trapped in the burning vehicle.

“A total of 10 people comprising six males adults and four female adults have been rescued from the inferno with three other people made up of two male adults and one female adult sustained seriously injures with some suffering first degree burnt.”

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According to Oladele, the injured victims were rescued to a nearby hospital, Ijebu-Ode for immediate medical attention.

The FRSC commander said, “19 passengers have been confirmed to be in the ill-fated bus made up of 17 adults and two children

“The vehicle was coming from the East going to Lagos and was conveying the passengers with some chemical products identified to be inflammable products.

“The unidentified flammable substances conveyed in the bus assisted to intensify the inferno.

“After the fire was extinguished by the Nigeria Fire Service, a total of nine people – seven adults and two children – were confirmed dead.”

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