

Five killed as speeding bus collides with truck in Ogun

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Scene of an accident

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Five persons on Thursday died, while one person sustained injuries in a motor accident at a diversion point on the Sagamu Interchange end of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

A spokesperson for the Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps in Ogun State, Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the incident.

He explained that the crash, which occurred around 9.30am, involved three vehicles.

According to Akinbiyi, the vehicles are a Mazda space bus, with number plate GGE 296 DC; a Benz truck, with number plate FST 340 XW; and a DAF tanker, whose number plate could not be found.

He said the accident occurred due to recklessness and wrongful overtaking on the part of the bus driver.

Akinbiyi said the bus and the DAF tanker were inbound Ibadan from Lagos, while the Benz truck was inbound Lagos from Ibadan.

The TRACE officer said three females and one male, who were passengers on the bus, and the motor boy on the Benz truck, lost their lives, while the driver of the other truck sustained injuries in the accident.

Akinbiyi, in a statement, said, “According to an eyewitness, the crash was caused by the Mazda space bus due to wrongful overtaking and reckless driving.

“We learnt from the eyewitness that the space bus and the tanker were inbound Ibadan from Lagos along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway at the diversion axis after Sagamu Interchange.

“In an attempt to overtake a truck in front of it, the bus had a head-on collision with another truck coming from Ibadan inbound Lagos, which kicked it under the tanker before veering into the bush, killing five people on the spot; one from the truck, a motor boy; and four from the space bus, including the driver.

“The tanker driver ran away, while the driver of the truck is recuperating at the Idera Hospital, Sagamu.

“The injured victims were taken to Idera Hospital, Sagamu, while the dead persons were deposited at the Idera Morgue, Sagamu.

“The vehicles have been taken to the Area Police Command, Sagamu.

“While TRACE corps condoles with the families of the deceased, motorists are again admonished to avoid reckless and wrongful overtaking at diversion and construction zones.”