13 killed on Ilorin-Jebba-Mokwa highway crash

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FILE: FRSC officials at the scene of an accident

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Thirteen lives were reportedly lost in the early hours of Thursday in two separate auto crashes on Ilorin-Jebba-Mokwa highway in the Moro Local Government Area of Kwara State.

It was gathered that the two accidents which occurred around 4am involved two 18-Toyota Hiace commercial buses; one enroute Lagos and the other from Sokoto.

It was said that the one coming from Lagos rammed into a stationed trailer, while the second bus veered off the road due to impact of the accident.

Eight survivors of the accident, it was learnt, are currently receiving treatment at

private hospitals in Bode Saadu, headquarter of the Moro LGS, while remains of the

dead passengers had been deposited at the mortuary of the University of Ilorin

Teaching Hospital, Ilorin.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Gbenga Owoade,

attributed the road crashes to carelessness on the part of the drivers.

"In the first one, we had 11 people that died instantly on the spot. Two persons died in

the second crash, while one of the two corpses had been taken away by his family

members," he said.

The sector commander also cautioned drivers to avoid night journey, overloading and

taking of intoxicating substances while driving.

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