

10 die, many injured in Ogun, Anambra crashes

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No fewer than 10 people lost their lives in fatal road accidents in Ogun and Anambra states on Monday.

Six persons, including an infant, a five-year-old boy and a grandmother died in two separate crashes in Ogun, with 14 people injured.

The first crash, which occurred on Ishara Bridge on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, led to the death of four persons.

The accident, which involved a Mazda with number plate, XC 330 WWD, occurred around 2.20pm.

The second crash, which happened at Sagamu, claimed two lives and involved a Toyota Camry with number plate, LSD 797 GJ.

The Public Relations Officer of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the two incidents.

He said in the first accident, the four deceased passengers were a five-year-old boy, two male adults and one female adult.

He explained that the crash happened after one of the tyres of their vehicle burst.

“We learnt that the commercial bus, loaded with 16 passengers, including the driver, was on transit from Lagos to Ibadan, when the rear tyre burst due to speeding.

“The four corpses were deposited at FOS Mortuary, Ipara-Remo, while the injured were admitted to Idera Hospital and Victory Hospital, Ibara Remo.

“The vehicle was taken to Ishara Motor Traffic Division, Remo,” Akinbiyi added.

He noted that the second accident was caused by reckless driving, adding that two pedestrians – a woman and her granddaughter – were killed.

“According to an eyewitness, the Camry car was on top speed when it suddenly lost control, somersaulted and hit the aged mother and her granddaughter, who were in front of their house, which was by the roadside.

“The aged woman and her granddaughter died on the spot, while the occupants of the vehicle, four of them, including the driver, were nowhere to be found.

“Though they were reported to have been hospitalised at Idera Hospital, our post-crash investigation confirmed that they were not there,” Akinbiyi said.

In Anambra State, the Federal Road Safety Corps confirmed the death of four persons in a multiple road accident.

The accident occurred on Monday in Obosi, in the Idemili North Local Government Area of the state.

The acting Sector Public Education Officer, Anambra State, Kamal Musa, confirmed the incident.

He explained that the accident happened around 11.30am and was caused by brake failure.

He identified the vehicles involved as a red 911 Mercedes Benz with number plate, JJT 168 XG; a Toyota Camry car, with number plate, FST 122 DQ; and a white Toyota Hiace bus, with number plate, ABN 430 YN.

“A total of 13 people – eight male adults and five female adults – were involved in the crash.

“Two male adults and two female adults, who sustained varying degrees of injury, were rushed to the Unit Hospital, Obosi, by the FRSC rescue team from Oraifite Unit Command. Four deceased persons were deposited in the morgue after they were confirmed dead by doctors in the hospital,” he added.

Musa noted that the accident scene was later cleared to ensure free flow of traffic.

“The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Anambra State, Andrew Kumapayi, while praying for God to grant the deceased’s families the fortitude to bear the irrevocable losses and the injured victims quick recovery, admonished motorists to embark on regular maintenance of vehicles and ensure their vehicles meet the minimum safety standards before putting them on the road to avoid crashes,” he added.