

10 die, three injured in Ogun, C'River road crashes

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Ten people lost their lives in road accidents that occurred in Ogun and Akwa Ibom states on Friday.

In the Ogun accident, a diesel-laden tanker driver was burnt to death during an explosion at Atoyo, outbound Ijebu-Ode on the Ijebu-Ode-Ogbere Expressway.

The spokesperson for the state Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Mr Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the incident to journalists in Abeokuta, the state capital.

Akinbiyi explained that the accident occurred at 10:45am and was caused

by reckless driving by the tanker driver who was alone in the truck.

He said, "According to an eyewitness, it was learnt that the driver of the diesel-laden tanker was driving recklessly when it suddenly lost control and fell on its side with its content spilling on the road before it exploded."

He advised drivers to have adequate rest before embarking on any journey to avoid accidents.

Also, the Federal Road Safety Corps said nine travellers died in an auto crash at Okurikang along Calabar-Itu road on Friday.

The Sector Commander, FRSC, Cross River Sector Command, Cyprian

Ofordu, confirmed the accident.

Ofordu said 12 victims were involved in the crash out of which nine lost their lives on the spot, while three were in a critical condition. He said the two vehicles involved in the accident were a MACK truck and a Toyota Hiace bus which had 12 occupants.

He said, "The accident was being investigated to ascertain the cause. The three rescued persons are in a critical condition as we were called in to rescue but what we saw at the crash site was bad. Those involved were three female adults and nine male. But the corpses of the nine persons who died have been deposited at the mortuary. They include two females and seven males."