

28 die in Ogun, Yobe road crashes, FRSC cautions against night travel

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Scenes of Ogun, Abuja crashes

No fewer than 28 persons have been killed in two separate accidents on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Ogun State, and along Potiskum-Gombe Road, Yobe State.

In the Ogun incident, 18 persons were confirmed dead when two Mazda buses and a Previa bus crashed around Isara Bridge on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

The Corps Public Education Officer, Federal Road Safety Corps, Assistant Corps Marshal Bisi Kazeem, in a statement on Sunday, said the accident happened around 10.20pm on Saturday.

He explained that the accident was caused by speeding.

According to him, out of the 25 people involved in the accident, six males, one female and one male child were identified, while 17 others were unidentified.

“The collision of the two Mazda buses with unidentified colours and registration numbers with the Previa bus resulted in an explosion, which involved all three vehicles.

“However, seven passengers of the two Mazda buses on the right lane survived, while others were caught up in the inferno and got burnt beyond recognition.

“Those on the Previa bus, which assumedly committed the road traffic violation, got burnt beyond recognition,” he added.

Kazeem said four charred bodies were found during the clearance of obstructions, adding that another body was also found on the expressway opposite the crash scene.

He quoted the Corps Marshal, Boboye Oyeyemi, as saying motorists should avoid night travels, adding that life had no duplicate.

According to Oyeyemi, road traffic violations and speed increase fatalities of crashes during night travels.

In the Yobe accident, 10 persons were confirmed killed and seven others injured in an accident involving a Hummer bus and a Sharon bus.

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The crash was said to have happened around 10.22pm on Saturday near Gashaka along Potiskum-Gombe Road.

The Zonal Commanding Officer, FRSC, Zone 12, Rotimi Adeleye, confirmed this to *Channels Television*, stating that the accident was caused by speeding on the part of the Sharon bus driver.

Adeleye further stated that the corpses were deposited at the mortuary of the Specialists Hospital, Potiskum, a 20-kilometre distance from the scene of the accident.

Those injured were also rushed to the hospital.

Meanwhile, four people escaped death by a whisker on Sunday after a Toyota Corolla somersaulted opposite Veroni Company shortly after Ogere, along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Ogun State.

The accident occurred around 2.25pm after the driver of the car rammed into a parked truck.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the driver, Olasupo Sunday, was alone in the car while three other people, who were earlier standing behind the trailer, left a few minutes before the accident occurred.

An eyewitness, who identified himself as Chinedu, told our reporter that the driver lost control due to speeding.

As of the time our reporter left the scene, FRSC officials had arrived to rescue the driver and tow away the car.

In a related development, a heavy-duty truck crushed four vehicles close to Karu Bridge on the Abuja-Nyanya Keffi Expressway on Sunday in Abuja.

The *News Agency of Nigeria* reported that the Federal Capital Territory Sector Commander, FRSC, Mr Samuel Ochi, said the accident occurred around 9:30am, adding that no life was lost.