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21 die in Lagos, C'River crashes, fog

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NOfewer than 21 persons have lost their lives and six others injured in separate accidents in Lagos and Cross River states.

Sixteen people were reportedly killed along Alaro City, in the Epe area of Lagos State, on Tuesday, when a passenger bus, with number plate KTN 262Y, rammed into an articulated truck.

The Public Education Officer, Federal Road Safety Corps, Lagos State, Olabisi

Sonusi, said the incident happened around 3am.

According to her, the crash was caused by impaired visibility resulting in reckless driving within a construction corridor.

The statement partly read, "A total number of 23 male adults were involved in the crash that claimed the lives of 16 male adults; the five who were injured were taken to a hospital by the FRSC rescue team. Two people were rescued without any injuries."

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, said 10 of the victims were burnt beyond recognition,



• Scene of the accident

adding that five bodies were recovered.

"This makes a total of 16 persons who died in the

FRSC blames

accident," he added.

However, the Permanent Secretary of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu, in a statement, said five male adults were confirmed dead.

He said, "Upon the arrival of the LRT at the incident scene, it was discovered that a truck conveying sand had a head-on collision with a Hummer commuter bus along the axis, and the two vehicles were completely burnt.

"Unfortunately, five male adults were confirmed dead on impact. A combined team of agency responders and FRSC worked to hand over

the remains of the deceased to their family members for immediate burial given that most of the victims were Muslims."

In a related development, five persons were killed in an auto crash at Ibiae in the Biase Local Government Area of Cross River State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that a fully loaded cement truck crashed into a Toyota Picnic van and killed some of the passengers.

The Public Relations Officer of the FRSC, Cross River State, Ajuka Mark, confirmed the accident.

He said, "Investigation is ongoing to unravel the cause of the accident."