

FRSC blames speeding as truck crushes Ogun policeman

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A speeding truck belonging to the Dangote Cement factory in Ogun State, on Tuesday night, crushed a policeman to death and injured five others.

The crash occurred around Saiten Petrol Station, along the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway in the Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area of Ogun State.

The state command of the Federal Road Safety Corps confirmed the

incident on Wednesday.

The spokesperson for the command, Florence Okpe, in a statement, said that nine vehicles were involved in the crash, including the Dangote truck, a tipper, a yellow bus, an armoured tank, a Toyota Rav4 and three motorcycles.

Okpe explained that eight persons, seven male adults and one female adult, were involved in the crash.

"Four male adults and one female adult were injured; one person was killed, while two were unhurt," she

said.

Okpe blamed the crash on speeding and wrongful overtaking on the part of the truck driver, who she said lost control and crashed into other vehicles from the rear.

She said the truck later plunged into the river.

She added that the Toyota Rav4 car went up in flames due to the impact of the collision, stating that the fire was extinguished with the help of the filling station's fire extinguisher, but some motorcycles

were burnt.

"The injured victims were taken to the General Hospital in Ota for medical attention.

"One person identified as a policeman, who was on duty, got injured and was also taken to the hospital by the FRSC rescue team, but he later died," Okpe stated.

Meanwhile, the state Sector Commander of the FRSC, Ahmed Umar, consoled the families of the victims, advising motorists to always obey traffic rules.