

# Driver, motor-boy die in Ogun crash

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A commercial bus driver and his motor boy on Tuesday lost their lives in an accident that occurred along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway after the driver dozed off and rammed into a stationary truck.

The incident happened around Saapade, in the Remo-North Local Government Area of Ogun State around 6.30am.

The spokesman for the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the crash.

He said that a truck with the number plate EKY 65 XF and a J5 bus with no number plate were involved in the crash.

Akinbiyi blamed the crash on speeding and wrongful overtaking by the bus driver.

He said while two persons died, two others were rescued unhurt.

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He said, “The presumed dead were taken to FOS Morgue, Ipara by the owner of the morgue with his ambulance.

“According to an eyewitness account, a Howo truck with number plate EKY 65 XF, loaded with Flour Mills products, developed a mechanical problem while in transit and had to be parked off the road to be attended to.

“However, in the course of attending to the vehicle, the J5 Bus which was also loaded with tomatoes, pepper and the likes, and was also transiting inbound Lagos, at the Saapade axis, along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, rammed into the Howo truck from behind, due to speed and dozing while on wheels, killing the driver and the motor-boy instantly due to the impact of the collision.

“The bodies of the dead victims (the driver and motor-boy of the J5 Bus) have been deposited at FOS Morgue, Ipara-Remo, while further investigation on the unfortunate but avoidable incident is being carried out by the Isara Divisional Police Command.”

While commiserating with the families of the deceased, TRACE advised drivers to avoid speeding, to take adequate rest before embarking on a journey and avoid driving when visibility is poor.