

① Six die in overloaded bus, FRSC blames speeding

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SIX persons have been confirmed dead and 14 others injured in a road accident on the Ibadan-Oyo Expressway in the Afijio Local Government Area of Oyo State.

Sunday PUNCH gathered that the driver of the 18-passenger white Toyota Hummer bus, with number plate Lagos JLI 941 XA, who was at top speed, took off at the popular Akinyele Market in Akinyele, Ibadan, before the tyre burst and he lost control.

The occupants of the bus were said to be heading for the north when the accident happened.

The Atiba Unit Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Bayode Olugbesan, confirmed that four persons died before the arrival of officials of the agency, while the injured were rushed to a

general hospital.

Olugbesan, who attributed the accident to speeding and overloading, also confirmed that 20 persons were involved in the crash.

He said, "All the victims were males travelling to the north. The cause of the crash was speeding and overloading. The bus was supposed to carry 14 passengers but was loaded with 20 passengers."

The FRSC official urged road users to avoid speeding, overloading and night travelling.

When our correspondent visited the state hospital, where the victims were admitted, a senior medical official, who did not want her name in print, said, "The road safety officials brought 15 victims (injured ones) to the hospital but two of them gave up the ghost after we administered first aid to them."



•Some of the injured victims

② Three pastors die in crash as driver sleeps off

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THREE pastors lost their lives on Saturday in an accident after their driver lost control on the Abeokuta-Sagamu Expressway, Ogun State.

Two others sustained injuries, while three

were rescued unhurt.

The spokesman for the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Babatunde Akinbiyi, who confirmed the tragedy, said it occurred around 9.44am near Day Waterman College, a private school at Kobape, inbound Abeokuta.

He noted that the crash involved a black Rio car with the number plate, AKD 827 DV, and a white Sino truck, with the number plate, WDL 466 XA.

According to Akinbiyi, the cause of the crash was sleeping behind the wheel, coupled with speeding and loss of control on the part of the Rio car driver.

The TRACE spokesman, while quoting

③ Rivers woman arrested for stabbing 12-year-old girl