

Five die, 15 injured in Lagos-Ibadan highway crash

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No fewer than five persons were said to have died in an auto crash that occurred at the Kara Bus Stop section of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway on Sunday.

About 15 others reportedly sustained varying degrees of injury and are currently receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital.

The accident, which occurred on the outward Lagos lane of the highway, involved a truck with registration number KRD-12HGS, a CRV SUV, and an interstate commercial bus.

The cause of the accident had yet to be ascertained as of the time of filing this report.

But the Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Traffic Management Authority, Adebayo Taofiq, confirmed the accident and the casualty figures to one of our correspondents on the telephone.

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He said, “Five persons died in the crash while over 15 persons who were injured have been taken to the hospital.

“We have LASTMA officials on the ground and other emergency responders like the Federal Road Safety Corps handling the situation.

“As of now, the cause of the accident is yet to be ascertained; the first thing we will do is to rescue the victims before taking the case to the police station.”

Meanwhile, the crash left motorists and commuters stranded for hours as the traffic jam that followed spread into Lagos.

The situation forced some motorists to drive against traffic, therefore blocking motorists driving inward Lagos.