

Eight die in Kwara crash, FRSC blames wrongful overtaking

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FILE: FRSC officials at the scene of an accident

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The Kwara Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps has confirmed the death of eight travelers at Oke- Onigbin, along Omuaran-Ilorin road in Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara.

Corps Commander, Stephen Dawulung, confirmed the death in a statement signed by the Public Relation Officer of the corp, Busari Basambo, on Saturday.

“A fatal road traffic crash occurred on Friday evening, at Oke Onigbin, along Omuaran-Ilorin road, Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara, at 7:40 p.m.

“The accident involved a Mack Trailer and a Mitsubishi bus,” Basambo said in the statement.

Dawulung said that immediately after they received the report of the crash, the FRSC standby rescue team at Omuaran Unit Command was immediately mobilised to the scene for rescue.

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“Preliminary investigations by our men revealed that the Mitsubishi space wagon (en route to Ilorin) while overtaking a bus, collided with an oncoming Mack Trailer.

“It resulted in the death of 8 persons on the spot, 1 male adult, 3 female adults, and four children, while six others sustained various degrees of injuries,” he said.

Dawulung further noted that the victims were conveyed to Ajisafe Hospital, Omuaran for medical attention, while the eight corpses were deposited at the Mortuary of Adeyemo Hospital, Omuaran.

He said that further investigation revealed that the crash was caused by speed, wrongful overtaking, and poor visibility.