

One killed, 15 injured in Lagos-Ibadan Expressway crash

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One yet-to-be-identified person has lost his life, while 15 others sustained varying degrees of injuries in an accident that occurred along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway on Tuesday.

PUNCH Metro gathered from a traffic update report by the Commandant General of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency, Seni Ogunyemi, that the accident occurred when a driver of a Mazda bus lost control and rammed into a truck that was coming out of a private company along the expressway.

Ogunyemi noted that 16 people were involved in the accident involving a truck with the number plate MUS 641 YF and a Mazda bus with the number plate APP 360 YK.

The impact of the collision led to the occupant of the bus sustaining injuries while one person, who was initially rushed to a nearby hospital by emergency responders, was confirmed dead by the doctor on duty.

| Scene of an accident

Ogunyemi said, “A fatal road accident occurred today at AIM Company along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. Sixteen people were involved including eight adult males and eight adult females.

“According to the eyewitness, the FAW Truck was coming out from a company (AIM Coy) to the linked expressway. However, the Mazda bus, driving at excessive speed, coupled with loss of control, rammed into the FAW truck by the side.

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“Unfortunately, one of the victims who was rescued at the hospital was confirmed dead by the doctor and 15 others sustained injuries.”

He added that the body of the deceased was deposited at the Live Hospital morgue in Sagamu while the injured were also treated at the same hospital.

“The presumed dead have been deposited at Livewell morgue, and the injured victims also have been taken care of by Livewell Hospital, Sagamu. The accidental vehicles were towed by the Sagamu Police Division for further investigations,” Ogunyemi stated.

The causality in this accident brought the death toll in road crashes across Ogun State in the last five days to eight.

TRACE had reported that an accident along the Ota-Idiroko Expressway claimed three lives on Friday, including two toddlers and one adult.

Similarly, four road crashes along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway and Ogijo-Ikorodu Road between Saturday and Sunday left three people dead while about 10 others sustained injuries, according to the Ogun State Police Command.