

7 die, 2 injured in Niger auto crash

• Death toll in Lagos-Ibadan expressway mishap hits 13

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NO fewer than seven persons were killed, while two others sustained different degrees of injuries in an auto crash that occurred on Lambata-Minna road, Niger State, yesterday.

The state Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr Musa Mohammed, said the accident, which occurred at about 7am in Dagibe village, involved a Mazda car with registration number CRC

686 XN and a Volkswagen Golf saloon car with registration number KTU 506 BK.

"Nine people were involved in the mishap, seven were killed and two sustained injuries. They were taken to Federal Medical Centre, Gawun Babangida, and the corpses deposited at Sabon Wuse Mortuary," he said.

The sector commander blamed the accident on fatigue and loss of control.

Meanwhile, four more persons have died from the accident involving two vehicles on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, on Wednesday.

The FRSC in Ogun confirmed that the latest number brings to 13 the number of people who died in the accident.

The Sector Commander of the FRSC in the state, Mr Ahmed Umar, said the four died on their way to the hospital. He said 12 others sustained injuries.

The FRSC Sector Commander had said, on Wednesday, that nine persons died, while 16 others sustained various degrees of injuries in the ghastly accident.

He explained that the accident occurred at about 3.45pm, around Wichtech Company, near Danco Station, on the ever-busy expressway.

He said that the accident involved a commercial white Mazda bus, with registration number: APP 28 YE, and a blue Volvo truck, with no registration number.

The sector commander further stated that the accident involved 25 persons, indicating that the corpses of the deceased had been deposited at the morgue of Idera Hospital, Sagamu.

members killed in Nasarawa

He added: "Upon receipt of the information, a detachment of police personnel, comprising Police Mobile Force, Counter Terrorism Unit, Vigilante and Hunters, with support from the military, were immediately deployed to the area where the attackers were repelled."

He said four corpses were recovered at the scene, three injured victims were rescued and rushed to the Odumu Hospital for medical attention, while one person later died while receiving treatment at the same hospital.

Consequently, the Commissioner

of Police, Nasarawa State, CP. Bola Longe, who was recently promoted to the rank of Assistant Inspector General of Police, has deployed additional police personnel, led by Area Commander Awe, ACP Dankwano D. Wilson, to go after the perpetrators of the dastardly act.

Meanwhile, the commissioner of police has condoled with the families of the deceased and assured that the police command was doing everything humanly possible to arrest and bring to book the perpetrators of the act.

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