

7 burnt, 18 injured in Lagos-Ibadan road

NO fewer than seven people got burnt beyond recognition in an accident which occurred on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, yesterday.

The Public Education Officer, Federal Road Safety Corps

(FRSC), Florence Okpe, in a statement, yesterday, said the accident occurred a few metres after the Sapade Bridge, around 9:21am.

Okpe said 27 people were involved in the accident, which

comprised 25 male adults, two female adults and one female child. She further said 18 people, including 17 male adults and one female adult, sustained varying degrees of injuries. The statement reads: "The fatal crash occurred at about 0921hrs on Lagos-Ibadan expressway, a few metres after the Sapade bridge.

"A total of 27 people were involved which comprised 25 male adults, two female adults and one female child. Number of injured were 18 (17 male adults and one female adult). A total of seven people were burnt beyond recognition."

Okpe further disclosed that two vehicles, with registration numbers BWR762PV a Toyota Sienna and a Mazda bus BDN18 LG, were involved in the accident.

She said the suspected causes of the fatal crash were excessive speed and route violation on the part of the Sienna bus, which followed one way and collided with the Mazda bus and, unfortunately, resulted in a fire outbreak.

She said the injured victims were taken to Victory Hospital Ogere and Idera Hospital Sagamu, for medical attention, while bodies of the dead were deposited at the FOS Mortuary in Ipara.

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understand why they are saying that the rescue operation is over when it is ongoing."

A fellow, who couldn't tell his name, but a staff of security department, was prancing about and frantically telling journalists that they won't enter the estate for security reasons. Journalists were shocked that they were barred from covering a serious incident such as a collapsed building. Another resi-

dent, who spoke on condition of anonymity said: "Where else in the entire globe, except in Nigeria, can you find such a scene, where an ordinary person prevents an essential institution like the media from performing a crucial public duty? What's there to hide in a collapsed building site? Every other essential group has been allowed in because they exercise some level of coercive

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ing police officer and did not indicate his rank. He forgot the line of communication for officers of the Nigeria Police Force, which also guides the public service."

The commission advised aggrieved officers to avail themselves of the existence of the investigative panel and come forward with substantiated proof that could aid the investigation.

It, however, warned that it will not tolerate any frivolous and fictitious media claims as officers and men of the police should be abreast and conversant with approved lines of communication, while it directed the police to fish out the true identity of the said Mr Chijioke Okonkwo for interrogation.

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