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6 killed, 20 injured in Ogun road crashes

THE Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ogun State Command, said six people died while 20 others sustained injuries in three separate accidents across Ogun State, yesterday.

In a statement made available to newsmen in Abeokuta, the Spokesperson of FRSC in Ogun, Mrs Florence Okpe, said the three accidents happened in the early hours of the day.

She said the first accident at Edejiwo, along the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, happened at 3.40am and claimed two lives, while two people were injured. Okpe added that the accident involved a Toyota bus with registration number GBJ 915 XA and a Golf car without registration number.

"The suspected cause of the crash was wrongful overtaking and excessive speed which made the vehicle lose control and eventually crashed. The injured victims were taken to Victory Hospital, Ogere, while the deceased were deposited at the FOS Morgue, Ipara Remo," she said.

The FRSC spokesperson said the second accident occurred at 5.18am, on Ijebu-ode-Benin expressway, at Ajede junction, which involved a Toyota bus with registration number RBC 213 XT.

"The passengers involved in the accident are 20, out of which 17 sustained injuries while three people died. The cause of the lone crash was excessive speed and fatigue. The injured victims were taken to Roona Hospital and General Hospital, Ijebu-ode,

while the deceased were deposited at the General Hospital morgue," she said.

Okpe said the third accident happened at 2am, on Ijebu-Ode-Benin expressway, immediately after Ajebandele bridge. The spokesperson said a South East bound luxury bus without registration number rammed into a

stationed IVECO truck with registration number TRE 265 XB.

"The accident involved 29 people out of which two passengers were injured, while one person died; the other 26 passengers escaped unhurt. The cause of the crash was road obstruction on the part of the truck. The bus rammed into the stationary

truck that was wrongly parked. The injured victims were taken to Olaolu hospital, Ajebandele, while the body was deposited at the morgue of the same hospital," she said.

Okpe said the state Sector Commander, Anthony Uga, has advised motorists to drive cautiously and have enough rest to avoid fatigue.

Police crackdown Rivers criminal kingpin, kill 2 lieutenants

From **Tony John**, Port Harcourt

THE Rivers State Police Command, in continuous efforts to tackle cultism and other related crimes in the state, yesterday, deployed a team of police officers to the Ogbologbo community in Ahoada West Local Government Area, to bring an end to the reign of terror of Ikem 'ThankGod', popularly known as 'General' 2man, a Greenland cult commander terrorising the LGA.

General 2man was an ally of the late notorious cultist and killer, 2Baba and General Odereke in the Ahoada area of the state.

The Public Relations Officer of Rivers State Police Command, SP Grace Iringe-Koko, listed some of the nefarious activities of the Greenland kingpin to include the shooting to death of Inspector Usang Ude, on April 13, 2023. Also were killings of four people, namely;

Henry Kirirka, Patience Henry, Abigail Victor, and Chigozie Okpo, on March 5, 2024.

Iringe-Koko said 'General 2man' also slaughtered one Samuel Philip without provocation and buried several people alive, including Christmas Ede and Agode Gamany, last month.

She said: "He carried out a lot of kidnapping activities within and outside the Ahoada West Local Government Area. His catalogue of criminal activities also include armed robbery and vandalism of valuable properties. He coordinates the de-roofing of public buildings and the selling of the roofing sheets.

"He also constituted himself as an authority that approves social events within the Local government area. This has made him attack and disrupt weddings, burials, etc., which he did not approve of.

"During the operation, General 2man and his gang

opened fire on the police tactical team. Though he was able to evade arrest, his second-in-command, ThankGod Uchechi aka, 'Pastor SP', and his third-in-command, 'Western King' Okpo Emenike, were fatally wounded.

"Several gang members escaped with gunshot injuries, and two loaded AK-47 rifles and eight magazines were recovered from the gang. Coordinated efforts are in top gear to bring General 2man and his fleeing gang members to justice and put an end to his reign of terror."

Meanwhile, State Commissioner of Police, Tunji Disu, has commended the tactical team for their efforts and reiterated his commitment to fighting crimes in the state. Disu urged members of the public to feed the police with reliable information that could lead to the arrest of the fleeing suspects and other criminal elements in the state.