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# Nine die on Lagos-Ibadan Expressway auto crash



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At least nine people lost their lives yesterday in an accident on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. The crash, which occurred about 8.40a.m., a few metres after the Sagamu Interchange on the expressway, left one person seriously injured. The incident involved a Mack truck with registration number MUS 740 XN and a Toyota Hiace bus belonging to Iyare Motors, marked BEN 313 YX. It was learnt that the accident was caused by excessive speeding and dangerous overtaking on the part of the bus driver. The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency (TRACE) confirmed the incident in separate statements. The FRSC Public Education Officer in the state, Florence Okpe, who spoke on behalf of the Sector Commander, Clement Oladele, disclosed that the bus was travelling from Lagos to Benin in Edo State before the accident occurred.

Akinbiyi, said the bus was chattered to Benin by the passengers, who arrived Nigeria from Spain early Tuesday morning. Akinbiyi said the victims were already on the way to their destination for an engagement when the crash occurred. He said: “The bus was overspeeding and when it dawned on the driver that he couldn’t control the vehicle again, in an attempt to overtake the truck in the front, he rammed into it from behind and this resulted into the casualties, including the driver who was cut beyond recognition.”

Akinbiyi explained that while eight persons died on the spot, one was later confirmed dead at the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH), Sagamu. It was also learnt that the remains of the victims have already been deposited at the morgue of OOUTH while the injured was also taken to the same hospital for treatment.

The truck was also towed away to the FRSC yard at the Sagamu Interchange while the wreckage of the passenger bus had been taken to the Police Area Command, Sagamu.

Meanwhile, the FRSC Sector Commander has stressed the need for caution by drivers and other road users. Oladele said drivers should always travel at recommended speed limit, noting

