

2 die, 15 injured in Lagos-Ibadan expressway road accident

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Two persons on Saturday died while 15 others sustained varying degrees of injuries when a DAF truck on high speed overturned at a diversion point along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

Sunday Telegraph gathered that the vehicle, marked, RBH 214 XA was travelling towards Lagos when the incident occurred around Eldorado axis on the expressway.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Mr. Babatunde Akinbiyi, who confirmed the incident to journalists, disclosed that the truck was loaded with bags of onions and passengers.

The accident which occurred around 6.30am led to a gridlock, as the truck

emptied the onions and passengers on the road.

Akinbiyi said: "According to eyewitness accounts, as the vehicle was approaching the diversion bend, the driver lost control, probably as a result of speed.

"It overturned in the process, spilling all the onions it was carrying on the road, together with the 17 passengers atop the truck.

"Two of the passengers died on the spot while 15 others were injured.

"The rescue agencies at the scene of the crash were the TRACE, Police, Federal Road Safety Corps, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps and JBN."

He commiserated with the families of the deceased and warned drivers to reduce their speed while approaching diversion and construction zones in view of its attendant consequences.