

at Arakale area of Akure. Both men

got the full details.

Local Government yesterday

Eight die, 15 injured in Lagos-Ibadan Expressway multiple accidents

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Eight people were yesterday confirmed dead, while 15 others sustained varying degrees of injuries in multiple accidents in Ogun State.

The victims of the accidents, which involved a petrol tanker laden with Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) occurred around Tunji Alegi Filling Station in Kwakvama area of Ogere, were burnt to death.

New Telegraph learnt that five vehicles which were parked along the road

were also consumed by the fire.

A few hours later, another accident occurred at Sand Crete area, Ogunmakin along the same Lagos-Ibadan Expressway leaving three people dead and 15 others injured.

The Public Education Officer of the Ogun Sector Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Florence Okpe confirmed the accidents to journalists.

Okpe attributed the cause of the first accident to wrongful overtaking on the part of the petrol tanker and dangerous driving.

Okpe explained that, the tanker

which was on top speed collided with a truck, which was travelling from Lagos to Ibadan while trying to overtake.

"A total of five persons were burnt beyond recognition. They were recovered from one of the crashed trucks and have been deposited at FOS Morgue Ipara," Okpe said.

According to her, the second accident involved two vehicles: a Mazda bus, marked SKN135XA and a Range Rover jeep 02, with registration number, 345DCT.

She explained that, the bus which was coming from Ibadan, skidded off the road to the other lane and collided with a Jeep coming from Lagos.

"Fifteen persons were injured, seven male adults and eight female. The commercial bus caught fire while the Jeep is totally damaged and yet to be recovered from the bush.

"Three deaths were recorded from the crash, one of them was burnt beyond recognition."

Okpe disclosed that the victims of the accident had been taken to Idere Hospital for medical attention.



Scene of the accident