

Six dead, two injured, vehicles burnt in Ogun multiple accidents

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No fewer than six persons were confirmed dead while two others sustained varying de-

grees of injuries in multiple accidents that occurred in different parts of Ogun State yesterday.

In one of the accidents, a tanker laden with Premium Motor Spirit crashed and exploded a few kilometres after the Sagamu Interchange

along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. The accident which occurred at 6.05am left two people dead while six others escaped unhurt.

The Public Education Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ogun Sector Command, Florence Okpe who confirmed the accident to journalists in Abeokuta, disclosed that four vehicles were involved in the accident.

Okpe attributed the cause of the accident to excessive speed on the part of one of the trucks.

Two persons also lost their lives in another accident on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

The accident, which involved three trucks, occurred in the early hours of yesterday around the popular mile 12 market Ogere axis of the highway.

The vehicles involved in the accidents are an Iveco tanker, marked SUL606XA, DAF truck, with registration number, EPE 680XJ and an Iveco tanker, marked 3.WSE168XA.

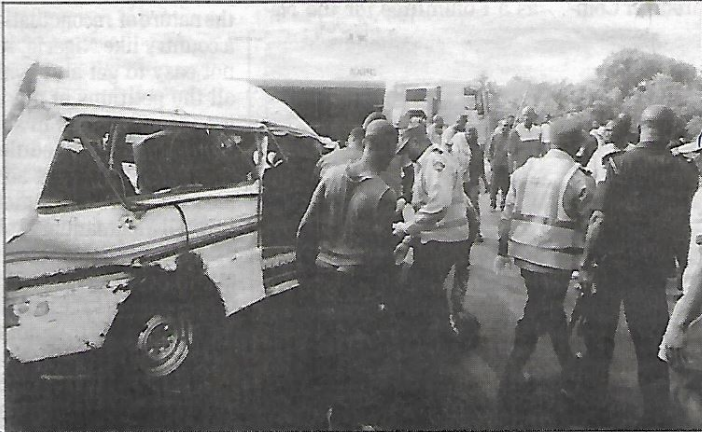
"The suspected causes of the multiple crashes were route violation and speed.

"The trucks are blocking the Lagos-Ibadan route and traffic has been diverted to Ibadan-Lagos route. One of the trucks is loaded with wheat and effort is ongoing to offload it before the trapped corpses can be removed," Okpe said.

According to the FRSC PRO, the third road crash involved a mazda bus. Okpe disclosed that, the accident which occurred on the Olomore Bridge in Abeokuta, the state capital claimed two lives.

The suspected cause of the lone crash was excessive speed which led to loss of control.

"The Sector Commander FRSC Ogun Sector Command Corps Commander, Ahmed Umar cautioned motorists to desist from route violation, especially trucks route areas and the use of common sense, speed limit at night when visibility is poor," Okpe said.



Accident scene