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Kwara: 30 killed in multiple accidents in two weeks –FRSC

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ILORIN

The Kwara State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr. Frederick Ade Ogidan, has disclosed that 30 people were killed in multiple accidents in the past two weeks in the state.

Speaking on the sideline of the launch of this year's Ember months campaign and mega rally in Ilorin yesterday, the FRSC boss said the auto crashes involved three separate incidents.

"One involved four casualties, another one nine and the last one had 16 persons involved who all died in the process.

"Most of them were actually multiple accidents with the last one week happening on the week-

end along the Ilorin/Jebba/Ogbomosho highway" he said.

He, thus, appealed to motorists to avoid over-speeding, overloading and use of unsafe tyres to reduce accidents, saying that all stakeholders should redouble efforts at ensuring safety on the

roads.

"As the year draws to an end, you can only but expect an increase in our patrol operations, enforcement and rescue operations, as this is the only way to ensure we arrive alive," he said.

The Sector Commander ex-

plained that as the year ends, the increase in vehicular movement may increase road crashes if all hands are not on deck to ensure safety on the roads through public enlightenment and education, effective patrols and prompt rescue services.

He especially appealed to commercial drivers who carry the highest number of passengers involved in road traffic crashes to ensure they drive with valid driv-

er's license among others safety precautions.

In his remark, the FRSC Zonal Commanding Officer in charge of Kwara, Kogi and Ekiti, Hyginus Omeje, observed that the aerial night view of Ilorin, the Kwara State capital, is not good enough, particularly when aircraft land at night in Ilorin.

Omeje appealed to the state government to improve the situation by installing solar powered lights.



Road crash scene

Sokoto: Police arrest man in possession of 101 PVCs

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SOKOTO

Ahead of the 2023 general elections, the Sokoto State Police Command has arrested one Nasiru Idris who was in possession of 101 Permanent Voters Cards (PVCs).

of what was recovered from his possession.

"It is envisaged that owners of these cards are not only from Sabon Birni LGA where he was arrested, but could be from other parts of the state as the Police are yet to trace the rightful owners."