

4 die, 5 sustain injuries on Lagos-Ibadan Expressway crash

...one person died, 6 others sustained injury -FRSC

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Four persons have reportedly lost their lives, while five others sustained varying degrees of injuries yesterday at Arepo bus stop along the Lagos Ibadan Expressway.

Eyewitness account said that a trailer heading to Sagamu rammed into a Lexus 350 Sport Utility Vehicle and the Lexus jeep then ran over five persons who were on motorbikes taking one way leading to their death.

The incident which happened around 11am in front of Rabade Filling Station at Arepo bus stop forced the Federal Road Safety Corps, Police and Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps to leave their post and dash to the scene.

A staff of the filling station, who simply gave her name as Tope said it was overspending on the part of the truck driver that caused the accident, as four people died on the spot.

She said that five people who were on the road waiting for commercial bus to convey them to their destinations were seriously injured in the process.

According to her, "It was a gory sight to behold, as the blood of the accident victims littered the whole ground, but they have been



The accidented car

evacuated to the mortuary, while those who sustained injuries have also been taken to the hospital for treatment. The passengers have been warned to desist from taking one-way, as many souls have been lost since the construction of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway started few months ago.

"Had it been the Federal Government has completed the construction works, such incident wouldn't have happened. It was an unfortunate one."

However, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), has said only one person died in the accident and six others injured. The Public Education Officer of the Federal

Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Florence Okpe who confirmed the accident to journalists in Abeokuta, said, an unregistered Lexus car had rammed into two Bajaj motorcycles with registration numbers, FFF617 QM and 1LAR489VY.

Okpe disclosed that, a total of eight men were involved in the accident.

"Six persons were injured, one person unhurt and unfortunately, one person was killed," she said.

The suspected causes of the crash, according to Okpe, were route violation and speeding, which she said, led to loss of control on the part of the Lexus car as it rammed into the motorcycles.