

7 burnt to death, 14 injured in Lagos-Ibadan road crash

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Seven persons, including two children were yesterday burnt to death in an accident on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway

Fourteen other persons sustained varying degrees of injury in the accident which occurred at the OPIC axis of the highway.

It was learnt that, the bus crashed and went up in flames.

The lone crash involving a Mazda bus marked BDG993YG

occurred at about 10:45am yesterday.

The spokesman of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Florence Okpe confirmed the incident in Abeokuta.

Okpe said a total number of 22 persons - seven male adult, eight female adult, four male children and three female children - were involved in the crash, out of which seven died while 14 others

were injured.

She blamed the crash on "excessive speed and brake failure which led to loss of control."

Okpe explained that the vehicle went up in flames after it crashed and burnt some of the occupants to death.

The FRSC spokesman said the injured victims had been taken to Lagos State Accident Emergency center, Ojota while the corpses

were deposited at Olabisi Onabajo University Teaching Hospital morgue, Sagamu.

She quoted the Sector Commander, Ahmed Umar to have commiserated with the family of the victims and advised motorists "to shun speeding and always conduct a routine vehicle check for good maintenance and replacement of any defect."



The accident scene

Lesser Hajj: Saudi-bound widower, divorcee arrested at Lagos airport with 14.4kg cocaine

....as NDLEA intercepts illicit drugs in wedding gown, nabs undergraduate, cripple

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Awidower, Ariyibi Ahmed Olaseinde and a divorcee, Akanbi Silifat Tunrayo who were going for lesser hajj in Saudi Arabia have been arrested by operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA),

at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA), Ikeja, Lagos for attempting to export 14.4 kilograms of cocaine concealed in lace and ankara fabrics.

The agency's spokesperson, Mr. Femi Babafemi, in a statement yesterday said, Ariyibi was intercepted on Thursday April 20,

ment in Medina, Saudi Arabia.

The previous day, Wednesday, April 19, NDLEA officers at the Terminal 2 of the airport also arrested Mrs. Silifat Tunrayo Akanbi with 2.90kg cocaine during outward clearance of Qatar Airways passengers from Lagos via Doha to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. A search of her hand