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Six dead, 11 injured in Osun multiple auto crashes

o fewer than six persons lost their lives while 11 others sustained various degrees of injuries in mul-

tiple motor accidents in Osun State.

The accident which involved two trailers, it was learnt, occurred on the hilly road of the Imesi-Ile com-

munity in the Obokun Local Government Area of the state.

It was learnt that one of the trailers had a brake failure which

resulted in the driver losing control of the wheel.

Speaking on the crash, the spokesperson of the Federal Road

Safety Commission (FRSC), Osun State command, Agnes Ogungbemi confirmed that the accident which involved 17 people was fatal.

She explained: "The accident occurred on Saturday and two trailers were involved around the hilly road at Imesi-Ile. The possible cause of the accident was break failure and loss of control.

"Five dead victims were taken to Osun State University Teaching Hospital, Osogbo, by the police before the arrival of the FRSC team. One dead male victim was trapped under the truck and our team employed the extricating machine in order to remove the trapped body from under the vehicle."

Taiwo Jimoh

A suspected drug trafficker, Suleiman Babatunde Oba, has been arrested by operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), at Murtala Muhammad International Airport, Ikeja, Lagos State.

The suspect, it was gathered, is a member of a cartel distributing cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and ephedrine between Nigeria, Brazil, Ghana, South Africa, Mozambique, and Europe.

The Agency's Spokesperson, Mr. Femi Babafemi in a statement yesterday

NDLEA intercepts ephedrine, skunk, laughing gas consignments at Lagos airport

...arrests kingpin behind fake couple's cocaine

tempting to board a Rwanda Air flight to South Africa with two boxes loaded with ephedrine sealed in semovita packs on August 25.

Babafemi said the recovered substance is a precursor chemical and active ingredient in the production of methamphetamine. In in his confessional statement, Oba who holds a South African

vital documents needed for further investigation were recovered from the house.

The drugs recovered in the semovita are various quantities of ephedrine, skunk and nitrous oxide, popularly known as laughing gas, concealed in semovita packs and dry pepper being shipped to South Africa and Kenya through the Muntale Muhammed In ing 1.822kg and 1.50kg of Cocaine respectively at the Lagos airport on August 1, while on their way to India. The kingpin was picked at his residence located at 28 Afolabi Brown Street, Akoka, Yaba, after an intensive surveillance that lasted 25 days.