

10 dead, 10 others injured in Kwara auto crash

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An auto crash along the Olooru-Okoolowo Road, Kwara State, has claimed 10 lives, while 10 others, who sustained varying degrees of injury, have been rushed to the General Hospi-

tal, Ilorin for treatment.

A statement by the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), in Ilorin yesterday, added that the corpses of the deceased have been deposited at the morgue of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH).

The statement added: "Today, the 8th of January, 2024,

a fatal road traffic crash occurred along Olooru-Okoolowo Road around a village known as Ivemoja.

The crash which occurred around 0640hrs involved two vehicles, a

Volvo Truck and a Toyota Hiace Bus.

"On receipt of the report of the crash, our rescue operatives at Olooru Unit and at the Help and Rescue Camp, which was established at Bode Saadu to fortify rescue operations during the ongoing end of year special patrol operations, were immediately mobilised to the crash scene for the rescue op-

eration.

"Preliminary investigations revealed that the crash occurred due to wrongful overtaking by the driver of the Volvo Truck which led to a head on collision with the bus.

"The bus was coming from Lagos enroute Sokoto and was conveying 17 passengers and goods.

"The Truck was coming

from the North enroute Lagos and had three passengers."

According to the statement, full investigation is still ongoing to further ascertain some details of the crash, adding that, "the Kwara Sector Command will continue to play our part in ensuring safety of all road users in Kwara State and we hope all drivers will remember to drive to stay alive.



Road accident

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Suspected armed bandits have again struck at Sagwari Layout Estate, located at Dutse, Bwari Area council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), reportedly kidnapping about 10 persons.

New Telegraph learnt that the armed men struck at about 7:30pm late Sunday

FCT: Kidnappers raid Sagwari Estate, abduct 10 persons

An eyewitness account has it that eight persons were taken from the estate, while two others were taken from a nearby hotel in the area.

Another eyewitness who pleaded anonymity also confirmed that one of the male victims had dropped a distress message on the estate's WhatsApp platform shortly before

Meanwhile, the FCT Police Command had not issued any official message, either denying or authenticating the report, it was said that security operatives were seen being mobilised to the area.

A resident in the estate noted that the deployment of security to the area for rescue operations may have been made