

6 dead, 13 injured in auto crashes

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Six persons were killed and 13 others were critically injured in two separate accidents on the Ogbomoso – Oyo road and the Lagos – Ibadan Expressway on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Five persons were killed while three others were critically injured in a head-on collision accident involving a truck and a space bus along Oyo-Ogbomoso Road, Oyo State, on Friday.

Three persons narrowly escaped being hurt in the ghastly auto crash according to the Oyo State Sector Commander of the Federal

Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Mrs Rosemary Alo. The dead included three males and two females, while the injured were two males and one female.

According to her while reacting to the Sunday Telegraph's request, the accident which was caused by reckless driving (in which the driver of the bus was confirmed dead), occurred around 10:20 am, 3 kilometres distance to base (Ile-Abu), along Oyo-Ogbomoso old Road. While the ash-coloured bus was identified with Registration Number LRN 185 YR, the FRSC officials could not see the registration number of the truck.

The Sector Commander who recommended that

drivers need to be cautious of wrongful overtaking and excessive speeding on the road, said the two vehicles involved in the accident have been towed by the Police to the Odo Oba Station. "The injured victims were taken to LAUTECH Teaching Hospital, Ogbomoso and the corpses were also deposited at the same Hospital's morgue".

Items recovered from the scene of the accident according to Mrs Alo, included: "One travelling box; Three school bags; Two small travelling bags; One cross bag; One sack bag; First Aid box; Two Nylon bags; eight smartphones; and Four purses containing the sum of N20,350.00", she disclosed.

The old Oyo-Ogbomoso

Road is very deplorable but many motorists still prefer to ply it because the new Express Way under construction since the administration of ex-President Olusegun Obasanjo is yet to be completed. There had been a series of calls on the Federal Government to expeditiously complete the section of the road leading from Ibadan to Ilorin, but it is still under construction, forcing many motorists to prefer the old Road.

In a similar development, a lone crash on Saturday, at about 2:58 pm around Saapade, along the Lagos-Ibadan expressway claimed one life while 10 others were reported to have been seriously injured.