

12 Dead, 19 Injured in Road Mishaps

A total of 12 people have been reported dead, while 19 were injured in two separate road accidents along Edeimeji Road, in Osogbo and Ile-Ife.

This was revealed in a statement by the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), signed by the Corps Commander, Corps Public Education Officer for corps marshal.

The incident, which

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in Abuja

occurred along Osogbo, involved a Mercedes Benz and Mazda bus in a head-on collision, while the one at Ile-Ife was a collision between a Toyota Hiace Bus with registration no XA939GBA and a lorry with registration No XC448KAK.

Both incidents were attrib-

uted to over-speeding and mechanical defects. All casualties were taken to the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital., Ile-Ife.

The Commission frowned at the abuse of siren usage, which it described as posing immense challenges to its efforts at ensuring hitch-free flow of traffic along some routes with peculiar traffic situation, and urge road users to strictly adhere with specified safety standard.

He said there has been significant reduction in road crash statistics this year, compared to the same period next year, adding that tyre bursts account for about 60 per cent of carnage on our roads.

Acquires 30% Stake in First Guarantee

"First Guarantee Pension will profit from the new expanded capital base to position itself for improved service," he said. Mr Derrick Roper, a Director in

Novare said "the investment will form part of Novare's strategy of establishing a presence in West Africa, with Nigeria being the hub of such regional investment.