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NO fewer than six people were on Wednesday night killed at the old Toll Gate in Ogere when a fleeing trailer driver crushed them. The trailer driver was said to have been trying to evade arrest by men of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) who were on patrol of the area at about 7pm.

The State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Olu-Mike Olagunju confirmed to newsmen yesterday in Abeokuta that the fleeing truck driver crushed the victims while trying to escape arrest.

The nature of the offence of the driver could not be ascertained that called for his desperate escape from the area shortly before the accident, which occurred around 7.00pm.

But the Managing Director of Gateway Trailer Park Limited, Leke Adesanya, who said it was a bus, with some students on board that ran into a fuel truck before killing the passers-by.

The bus with the students were said to be returning from an excursion from the Ibadan end of the expressway.

Adesanya explained that the school bus had attempted to avoid crashing into a vehicle which was driving against traffic, having crossed over to the lane of Lagos bound vehicles, when he ran into one of the fuel trucks which had attempted to join the main lane.

"The bus did not want to kill the people in the car that was driving against traffic, so he swerved to the side of the road.

"Unfortunately, that was when one of the tankers tried to join the main road, using its back. So, the bus ran into the trailer, killing five people on the spot. It also killed another man riding an okada instantly".

Adesanya believed that the vehicle which had taken the 'one way' triggered the accident.



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