

Eight die, many injured in Ogun multiple accidents

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ABEOKUTA—EIGHT persons, including a student of Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, Abeokuta, identified as Adekoya Emmanuel, yesterday lost their lives in multiple accidents at the notorious Onipepeye village, along Sagamu-Abeokuta Expressway in Obafemi Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State.

The accident, which occurred around 1p.m., yesterday, involved an Abeokuta-bound Mercedes Benz SUV 500 ML, with number plates LAGOS KRD 933 BC, and two fully-loaded passenger buses: a white Mazda, OGUN XC 878 JBD, and NISSAN bus, OGUN SRA 229 XA.

An eyewitness, who identified himself simply as Tee Money, told *Vanguard* that the Benz veered off its lane and rammed into the oncoming vehicle. He explained that the drivers

of the Benz and the first bus and six passengers, including the student, died on the spot.

Eyewitness account

The eyewitness, who said he was also travelling on the dual carriage road when he met the accident, said the second bus also reportedly rammed into the

two vehicles.

Public Relations Officer of Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement agency, TRACE, Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the accident.

Akinbiyi, however, said he could only confirm the death of two people, including the MAPOLY student, and one of

the drivers.

He further said that 12 of the critically-injured passengers were taken to a private hospital at Panseke area of Abeokuta, while four others, including a seven-year-old girl, were taken to the state hospital at Ijaye.

Adebiyi also said N150,000 was recovered from the scene.

Killed in fresh Plateau attacks

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South claims

one killed

carrying on intensive patrol in the area on Tuesday

breakdown of law and order

the state government and the Assembly

efforts to bring peace to the

communities to give peace a

chance, especially in Birtin