

## 17 die in Lagos-Ibadan road accident

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**Ibadan**—NO fewer than 17 persons have been confirmed dead, while 79 others were seriously injured in an auto crash that occurred on Lagos-Ibadan expressway yesterday.

According to information gathered, the accident involved an articulated vehicle, marked AA 902 MML, and a Peugeot bus.

According to the Oyo State Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Yusuf Salami, the ill-fated vehicles were on their way to Lagos when the accident occurred at Sepo area of the road.

He said the cause could be blamed on excessive speed and impatience.

He said: “A Peugeot J5, with plate number XS 626 LSV and a DAF articulated vehicle crashed as both drivers were struggling for the right of way. They were both going to Lagos when the accident occurred on Sunday.

“It happened just before the campus of the Dominion University in Sepo, along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

“There were 96 people involved, with 17 confirmed dead. It is obvious that both drivers were over speeding and suddenly lost control of the vehicles. The Peugeot bus was loaded with passengers and goods but the casualty figure rose because the other vehicle was travelling to Lagos with huge amount of illegal passengers.”

Salami said all the corpses were said to have been deposited at the Adeoyo State Hospital morgue in Ibadan.

Other injured people were rushed to the University College Hospital, Ibadan,

and Kejide Hospital, Ibadan.