

The girls, with cane marks on their bodies, said the lady beat them to

Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. Photo: Jimoh Babatunde

2 die in auto accident, 12 others sustain severe injuries

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OGERE—At least two persons lost their lives in an auto crash that occurred at Ogere, on the Lagos - Ibadan express way yesterday.

The incident which involved a 13- seater bus which was coming from Offa, Kwara state ran into a stationery trailer, at about 12 noon.

The bus with number plates OYO DDA40XA reportedly had issue with its steering wheel and in the driver's attempt to bring it under control, it veered off the road and rammed into the stationed truck, killing a female passenger on the spot. Another male passenger said to have been in critical condition, reportedly gave up the ghost about five minutes later, before help could come.

At about 12: 15 pm when

this reporter got to the scene, the corpses were still lying close to the affected vehicle. The female corpse was identified as the driver's wife. Twelve other passengers were seen writhing in pains with various degrees of injuries. Officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps arrived 30 minutes but were not with any first aid kits. The corpses were driven away in the corps vehicle with number plates AO/1 85RS while one of them informed that other vehicles would be brought to take the injured passengers to the hospital for treatment.

Driver of the affected vehicle identified simply as Femi, was rescued without a scratch by some drivers of parked trailers in the area and subsequently taken to the Police at Ogere.

An eye witness, who spoke on condition of anonymity said " the driver told us that

when he noticed that the steering was stiff, he tried to move out of the express way only to ram into one of the trucks parked along the road. We did not inform him that his wife died in the incident. We suspect that he was on high speed, following the impact of the collision with the stationed vehicle.

We had to rescue him immediately because some government agents usually inject drivers to death if found to be the cause of any road crash".

Another driver, who also refused to mention his name in prints, expressed shock over the incident, informing that he left Offa at about 8am, with driver of the affected vehicle.

Sympathisers around the vicinity called on the Ogun state government to prevent truck drivers from parking their trucks along the express way.