

15 die in Ogun, Anambra accidents

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AWKA—NO fewer than 15 persons, yesterday, lost their lives in auto accidents in Ogun and Anambra states.

In Anambra State, where 10 persons were killed, a trailer carrying building materials collided with two buses on the ever-busy Agulu Lake Bridge in Anaocha Local Government Area.

Details of the accident were still sketchy at press time, but *Vanguard* gathered from the scene that the driver of one of the buses was among those that died on the spot, while the driver of the trailer was still in coma in the hospital.

An eyewitness, however, said the trailer driver lost control as he was descending the Agulu Lake slope and rammed into the oncoming buses.

The dead bodies have been deposited in the mortuary, while those injured were receiving treatment at a hospital in the area.

The news of the accident led to an impromptu adjournment of the weekly state executive council

meeting, with Governor Willie Obiano and other members of his cabinet rushing to the scene.

Obiano later visited the hospital, where the injured persons were admitted and announced that the state government would construct speed bumps on the bridge to reduce the speed of the vehicles.

Many people have also been rushing to the scene to identify the victims, just as they besieged the hospital to ascertain the conditions of those on admission.

In Ogun...

In Ogun State, where multiple accidents claimed five lives, seven other persons were injured in the accidents that occurred at Onigari, the border town of Ogun and Oyo states on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway in Ogun State.

No fewer than 40 persons were reportedly involved, comprising 24 male adults, 13 female adults, two male children and one female child.

Ogun State Command's Public Education Officer, Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Florence

Okpe, confirmed the accidents.

Okpe said three males and four females were injured in the accident, which involved six vehicles: a Toyota Corolla with number plates APP 675 BH ; brown Sienna, number plates MUS 932 FE, and a red truck, JGB 874XA.

Also involved were a brown Toyota Camry with number plates EW909APP and two white Toyota Hiace: ABE 24 LG and APH 582 AAA.

According to Okpe, the multiple accidents were caused by speed violation, while it was raining, which reportedly led to loss of control of the vehicles.

Okpe said victims were rescued to Victory Hospital, Ogere, and the FRSC patrol team from Oluyole rescued some other victims to UCH Ibadan.

She added: "The bodies have been deposited at FOS Motuary, Ipara, while obstructions on the road as a result of the accidents have been cleared.

"FRSC Ogun State Sector Commander, Clement Oladele, advised motorists to reduce speed during the rains."