

2 dead, 6 injured as bus summersaults in Ogun

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TWO persons were, yesterday, killed in a lone accident at Awowo village on the Lagos-Abeokuta expressway, Abeokuta.

According to eye witnesses, the driver of a yellow bus with number plate FKJ 97 XY, with eight occupants (two males and six females) was on top speed when he lost control after which the bus somersaulted.

The accident led to the death of two occupants while six others, including the driver, sustained injuries.

It was gathered that the victims were taken to Ijaye General Hospital while the casualties were deposited at Ifo General Hospital morgue. The bus was towed to Ifo Divisional Police Station.

Spokesperson for Ogun Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, TRACE, Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the accident, saying six other passengers sustained various degrees of injuries. He said one male and one female passenger died in the accident.

"According to an eyewitness, the mini bus was inbound Abeokuta with excessive speed, which led to loss of control at a bend before the bus eventually somersaulted. The driver was among those injured in

the crash," he said.

He commiserated with the families of the deceased and warned motorists against speeding while driving, especially during rainy

season. He also advised motorists to be watchful and learn to reduce their speed when approaching either a bend or intersection area.

Flooding: Over 52,956 victims accommodated in 175 IDPs camps in Kebbi — Bagudu

GOVERNOR Atiku Bagudu of Kebbi State has said no fewer than 52,956 victims of flood disaster have been accommodated in 175 Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs, camps across the state.

Bagudu in his 60th Independence Anniversary state broadcast in Birnin Kebbi, said: "However, it should be noted that the figure does not include those displaced persons squatting with their neighbours, relatives and good spirited individuals in all the areas affected."

The governor noted that the state was among those that suffered the most, and noted that the geographical location of the state and its topographical nature put it at the risk of seasonal flooding.

He said: "The 250 kilometres FADAMA plain rice producing

belt was flooded by the overflow of River Rima.

"And where the river joins River Niger is about 312 kilometres, and on both sides of it, is rice with other crops flooded away."

Bagudu also noted that the destructions caused as a result of the overflow of the river led to the displacement of most of the villages and towns along the river bank across 19 Local Government Areas.

These areas according to him were within Gwandu, Argungu and Yauri emirates.

"In some areas bridges and roads were either washed away or submerged.

"In upland Zuru Emirate, some Local Government Areas encountered heavy rain, which destroyed houses, schools, hospitals and lot of other social infrastructure.