

14 killed in Osun, Delta auto crashes

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14 persons were killed in separate accidents in Osun and Delta States at the weekend.

The breakdown shows that 11 died in the Osun crash which occurred along Gbongan-Ibadan Road when two buses collided while the Delta incident that killed three involved a Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) and a tricycle.

According to the spokesperson for Osun State Command of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Agnes Ogungbemi, the Gbongan-Ibadan Road accident occurred on Friday night opposite Ayedaade local government secretariat.

The accident involved two commercial buses, a white Mazda E2000 with registration number KJA392YA and

a Toyota Hiace bus registered GWL427YM which had a head on collision.

Ogungbemi added that the corpses of 10 victims were taken to the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital morgue while one was taken away by the family.

She added that 16 of the 22 injured victims were taken to a hospital in Gbongan just as the remaining six were taken to Central Hospital in Osogbo.

Residents of Asaba, Delta State capital, were thrown into mourning after an accident involving an SUV and a tricycle left three persons dead.

The accident, which occurred along Ibusa Road, before the popular Koka junction on the Benin-Asaba-Onitsha expressway, saw the driver of the Lexus ramming into the tricycle, killing the three

occupants, including the driver, on the spot.

An eye witness said: "The SUV driver wanted to escape but people around stopped him. This is a very busy area because of the parks that are here."

The source said a mob immediately descended on the driver and beat him to stupor, adding that efforts made by sympathisers to save the lives of the victims were futile as they died on the spot.

The source added that if not for the swift intervention of the police, the mob would have set the Lexus driver and his car ablaze.

Confirming the accident, the Acting Police Public Relations Officer in Delta, DSP Bright Edafe, said his men rescued the Lexus driver from the mob.