4 die, 14 injured in Lagos-Ibadan expressway auto crash

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ABEOKUTA— No fewer than four persons lost their lives, while 14 others sustained injuries in an accident involving a Mazda bus and a truck at Lufwape on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, yesterday.

Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, in Ogun State, Mr Ahmed Umar, confirmed the incident to newsmen in Abeokuta.

Umar said the incident occurred at 3:40p.m. and was caused by the driver of the truck, adding that the accident was as a result of excessive speed and dangerous driving on the part of the truck driver.

He said 20 people were involved in the accident, comprising 12 males and eight females, adding that eight males and six females sustained

injuries while two males and two females died in the accident.

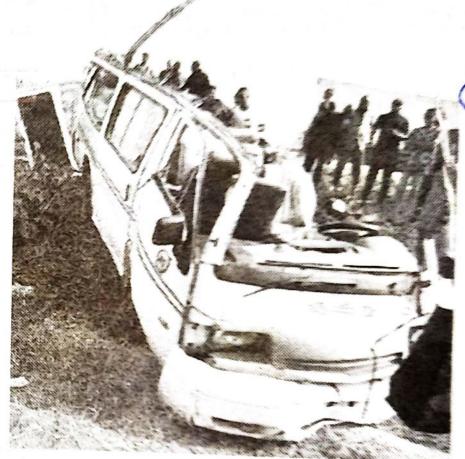
"The truck driver drove dangerously, which made the Mazda bus to lose control due to speed and crashed on the highway. But unfortunately the truck escaped," he said.

He said the injured victims were taken to Idera Hospital, Sagamu while the deceased were deposited at the same hospital mortuary.

Umar cautioned

motorists on dangerous driving as life has no duplicate. He advised the motoring public to drive defensively, maintain safe speed and obey traffic rules and regulations.

The sector commander



Scene of the accident.

commiserated with the families of the crash victims and enjoined them to contact FRSC Mowe division for more information about the crash.