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12 die, others injured in Ondo, Ogun auto crashes

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TWELVE passengers reportedly lost their lives in two different accidents in Ondo and Ogun states with many sustaining severe injuries.

In an auto crash along Ondo-Ore highway at Bagbe in Ondo West council area of Ondo State, eight persons reportedly died while several others sustained injuries.

An eyewitness told Vanguard in Akure that the accident involved an 18-passenger bus with number plate, ARC 616 XA, and a truck with no number plate.

The source said the passenger bus overtook another vehicle and had a head-on collision with the truck, which was from the other lane of the highway.

The timely intervention of men of Ondo Sector Command of the Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, and the policemen eased the traffic gridlock caused by the crash. They helped to evacuate the dead bodies and rushed those injured to the state General hospital.

An official of the FRSC attributed the



The Ogun accident scene.

cause of the accident to over-speeding on the part of the bus driver. According to him, the driver reportedly made a dangerous overtaking and had a head-on collision with an oncoming truck.

He said: "Those who lost their lives had been taken to the mortuary while those injured were also taken to the hospital for treatment.

The state police image maker, Funmilayo Odunlami, who confirmed the crash, said: "The accident happened as a result of dangerous overtaking by the bus driver. Eight passengers in the bus died on the spot and five people

were injured. They have been taken to the Trauma Centre, Ondo.

4 die, 12 injured on Lagos-Ibadan Expressway

In the other accident that occurred on the Ogun State axis of Lagos/Ibadan expressway, four people lost their lives while 12 others were injured when a passenger bus ran into a truck.

The incident occurred at about 10.55 am around Oniworo Turning in Fidiwo area.

According to an eye witnesses, the unidentified Hovo tanker was making a U-turn when the Mazda bus with number plate APP 111 XM, which was reportedly on top speed ran into it, leading to the crash.

It was gathered that 16 persons, comprising 13 male adults and three female adults were on board the bus when the incident occurred but 12 of them survived it with varying degrees of injury but four male adults did not make it as their bodies were later deposited at a morgue in Ipara area.

Confirming the incident, Florence Okpe, spokesperson of Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, Ogun State Command, attributed the suspected cause of the crash to excessive speed and loss of control.

She said: "The injured victims were taken to Victory Hospital, Ogere and Idara Hospital, Sagamu."

Unrest as tipper drivers protest killing of colleague in Benin

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