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10 die, 14 injured in Ogun auto crashes

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ABEOKUTA—NO fewer than 10 persons were, yesterday, confirmed dead, while 14 others sustained injuries in two separate accidents on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

① The Ogun State Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ahmed Umar, disclosed in a statement in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital.

According to the statement, the first crash occurred at about 1425 hours on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway around Fidiwo area of Ogunmakin.

"A total of 18 persons were involved and all male adults, 13 persons were injured, while four people burnt beyond recognition were recorded from the road traffic crash."

The suspected causes of the crash, according to FRSC, were speed, tyre burst and loss of control, saying the vehicle somersaulted and went up in flame.

"The injured victims were taken to Victory Hospital, Ogere and some to Idera Hospital, Sagamu," he said.

② The second crash, which involved a Toyota Previa with number plate LRG 165 AA, occurred at about 1755 hours around Kara turning on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

The statement read: "The FRSC rescue team in Mowe unit command carried out a rescue operation on Lagos-Ibadan expressway around Kara turning.

"The crash occurred at about 1755 hours. One vehicle was involved with number plate, LRG165AA, a Toyota Previa. A total number of 08 persons were involved, which comprise six female adults and two male adults.

"Number of people injured were one female adult and the number killed were six— five female adults and one male adult.

"The injured victim was taken to Redeemed hospital for while the dead bodies were deposited at Idera Hospital morgue, Sagamu."

The suspected cause of the crash was excessive speed, which led to the loss of control.

The Sector Commander, FRSC, Ogun Corps Commander, Ahmed Umar, described the crash as an avoidable act and advised motorists to avoid excessive speed and dangerous driving, especially on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, which is still under construction.