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28 die in Ogun, Yobe auto crashes

ABUJA—NO fewer than 28 persons were feared dead in two different accidents, Saturday night, around Isara bridge on Lagos-Ibadan expressway, Ogun State and Potiskum-Gombe road, Yobe State, while many sustained injuries.

It was gathered that 18 persons died in the accident involving two Mazda buses and a Previa bus around Isara bridge on Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

This is contained in a statement by the Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, Corps Public Education Office, Bisi Kazeem, yesterday, in Abuja.

Kazeem said the accident, which happened around 10:20 pm after the

Isara bridge involved about 25 persons. He explained that the accident was caused by road traffic violation, which

led to multiple fatal accidents thereafter.

According to him, out of the 25 people involved in the accident, six males, one female and one male child were identified while 17 others were unidentified.

"The collision of the two Mazda buses with unidentified colours and registration numbers with the Previa bus resulted in an explosion, which involved all three vehicles.

"However, seven out of the two Mazda buses on the right lane survived while others were caught up in the inferno and got burnt beyond recognition.

"And those in the Previa bus, which had assumedly committed the road traffic violation got burnt beyond

recognition."

Kazeem said four more charred bodies were found while clearing the obstructions, adding that an unburnt body was also found on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway opposite the crash scene.

He said obstructions had been cleared and traffic diversion closed and the free flow of traffic had been restored.

He quoted the Corps Marshal, FRSC, Dr Boboye Oyeyemi as saying that motorists should avoid night travels, adding that life had no duplicate, hence the need to drive with caution.

Similarly, 10 persons died and seven others were injured following another motor accident involving a Hummer bus and a Sharon bus in Yobe State.

The incident occurred Saturday night near Gashaka along Potiskum-Gombe road at about 10.22 pm

The Zonal Commanding Officer, FRSC, Zone 12, covering Bauchi, Yobe, and Borno states, Rotimi Adeleye, confirmed this to *Channels Television*.

He said the accident happened as a result of overspending by the driver of the Sharon bus.

Adeleye further said the corpses have been deposited at the mortuary of the Specialists' Hospital in Potiskum, a 20-kilometre distance from the scene of the accident. Those injured have also been rushed to the hospital.

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