

# 11 die in Kwara, Anambra, Ogun auto crashes

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**ILORIN**—SIX persons were reportedly lost alive in two separate accidents in Kwara and Anambra States with many others sustaining different degrees of injuries.

In Ogun State, five persons were confirmed dead while eight others sustained injuries in an accident involving two vehicles at Fidiwo on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, yesterday.

A multiple accident involving three trucks along Oko-Olowo Jebba expressway in Moro local government area of Kwara State, yesterday, reportedly claimed three lives with eight others severely injured.

Vanguard reliably gathered that nine other persons were rescued from the inferno, which occurred when the driver of a petrol tanker loaded with 45,000 litres of PMS lost control and had a head-on collision with another truck loaded with soya beans.

The prompt arrival of officers of State Fire Service at the scene, who successfully put out the fire, saved the lives of nine other persons who were taken to the hospital.

Spokesman of Kwara State Fire Service, Mr Hassan Adekunle, who confirmed the incident in a statement, said: "On Monday, January 15, 2024, around 14:45 hours, the Kwara State



Scene of the Kwara accident.

Fire Service responded to a fire outbreak along Oko-Olowo-Jebba expressway in Ilorin, Kwara State.

"The incident involved a petrol tanker (45,000 litres of PMS), a truck loaded with soft drinks and a truck loaded with soybeans.

"The fire originated from a head-on collision between the petrol tanker, whose driver lost control, and the truck carrying soybeans. Three lives were lost and eight injuries were recorded among

the 20 individuals on board.

"Despite the severity of the situation, the firemen successfully contained the fire, preserving the hospital and nearby buildings.

## 3 killed in Anambra accident

Also, yesterday, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), confirmed that three persons were burnt beyond

recognition in Anambra when their vehicle went into flames along Ezinano-Nkwo on Agulu road in Anaocha Local Government Area.

Mr Adeoye Irelewuyi, Sector Commander, FRSC in Anambra, told newsmen that the incident which was caused by ever speeding and wrongful overtaking occurred on Sunday night.

"Seven persons, comprising four males and three females, were involved; three were killed while two were injured. The bodies of the deceased were taken to a nearby mortuary in the area," he said.

While condoling with the families of the dead, the sector commander cautioned motorists against exceeding speed limits and wrongful overtaking.

One of the injured passengers receiving treatment at the hospital told journalists that the 14-seater Mitsubishi 300 bus was heading to Ekwulbafa from Amawbia.

He said the deceased were the driver and two passengers (a male and a female).

He said: "Soon after we took off from Amawbia, one of the passengers cautioned the driver against speeding, but he did not listen.

"While trying to avoid a pothole, the driver lost control and the bus veered off the road, somersaulted and burst into flames after hitting the fence of a building by the roadside.

"I managed to escape with other passengers, but we could not assist the three victims who were already engulfed by the raging flames."

## 5 die, 8 injured in Lagos-Ibadan road accident

In Ogun State, five persons were confirmed dead while eight others sustained injuries in an accident involving two vehicles at Fidiwo on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, yesterday.

Mrs Florence Okpe, spokesperson, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Ogun, who confirmed the Abeokuta incident to newsmen, explained that the accident occurred at 1:58 p.m and it involved a Mazda bus with number plate, EKY 582 YE, and a Mercedes Benz truck without number plate.

The FRSC spokesperson noted that the accident was caused by tyre burst and loss of control on the part of the truck which made it crash into the bus.

"A total of 15 people were involved in the accident, comprising eight men and seven women. Eight people were injured from the crash while five persons died," she said.

Okpe quoted the state Sector Commander, Anthony Uga, as advising motorists to pay more attention to their tyres and avoid the use of expired tyres.

## Alhaji Ahmed Mohammed, Vanguard director, dies

A member of Vanguard Newspapers Board of Directors, Alhaji Ahmed Mohammed, popularly called Ahmadu NITECO, is dead.

The Turaki Nupe died after a protracted illness in Lagos. The late Alhaji Ahmed Mohammed was a Lagos-based business tycoon.

He has been buried in his hometown, Bida, Niger State according to Islamic rites.

Meanwhile, the Etsu Nupe and Chairman, Niger State Council of Traditional Rulers, Alhaji Yahaya Abubakar, has described Alhaji Ahmed Mohammed's death as shocking and a great loss to the Nupe Kingdom.

According to Alhaji Abubakar, the deceased was a business tycoon and an astute administrator, who contributed immensely to the growth and development of Nigeria.

The Etsu Nupe said the death of the Turaki Nupe is an irreplaceable loss, which has created a wide vacuum diffi-



also a Godly man, who had the interest of his subjects at heart above any other thing.

"Though God has His reasons for taking him at this point in time, the people of the state had enjoyed his fatherly advice and he will be greatly missed."

The Etsu Nupe extended his condolences to the immediate family of the late Turaki Nupe and his business associates and prayed the Almighty Allah to grant the soul of the deceased Al-jannat Firdausi.

Alhaji Baba Yahaya, Jakada Etsu Nupe, represented the royal father during the Janaiza prayers held at Idil praying ground in Bida led by the Chief Imam.