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11 die in Kwara, Anambra, Ogun auto crashes

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ILORIN—SIX persons were reportedly roasted 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 14:46 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.

24 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 EkwulbEa 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."

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