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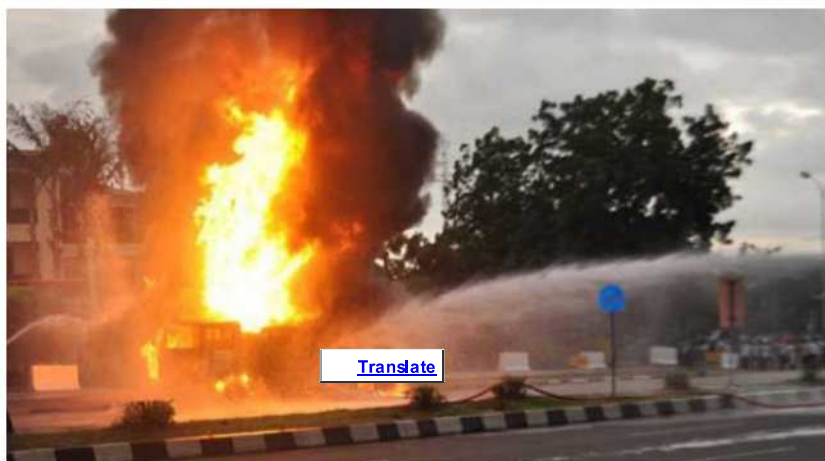
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Eleven people were yesterday burnt to death in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, following an accident at Macmillan, near Soka/Sanyo on the Ibadan/Lagos Expressway.

Sympathisers wept over the tragedy.

A thick smoke from the burning bus covered the atmosphere, attracting residents and passersby.

It was a gory sight as the victims were burnt beyond recognition.

According to an eyewitness account, a commercial Mazda bus was coming from Ogijo in Ogun State and heading for Beere in Ibadan. The occupants were to attend the Wolimat (an Islamic school graduation) of a relation.

It was learnt that most of the occupants were dressed in a uniform-Ankara bought for the occasion.

The source said the propeller of the bus pulled off and hit the fuel tank, catching fire.

The driver of the bus, in an attempt to save the situation, reportedly veered off the road and hit a heap of sand by the roadside.

The source said immediately the bus stopped, the driver and the two passengers in the front jumped down and escaped, but others were not lucky as the door of the bus was locked.

Eight adults and three children died in the fire. Thirteen others, including the driver, sustained various degrees of burns and were taken to the Adeoyo Hospital and University College Hospital (UCH) in Ibadan.

Confirming the accident, the Assistant Corps Commander and Unit Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Oluyole Ibadan/Lagos toll gate, Mr. Adeoye Sanya, said: "We were informed of the accident around 1pm. We rescued some of the victims and took them to hospitals."

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