

15 die in Kwara auto crash

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BARELY two months after 21 people were roasted in a ghastly motor accident along the Ilorin-Jebba road in Kwara State, 15 other people Monday were crushed in another road accident, which occurred at Aderan village along the same route.

An eye witness reliably informed *Daily Champion* that the accident, which happened at about 1:00pm

involved an 18-seater bus, carrying 16 passengers and a trailer coming in the opposite direction.

The source added that the bus, which was going to Jebba from Ilorin was trying to overtake the vehicle in its front when suddenly it had an head on collision with the trailer equally coming in high speed on the opposite direction.

He said that 15 of the occupants of the bus, majority of whom were women traders going to Jebba to buy fish died on the spot.

The Kwara Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Mr. Efosa Osawe, who confirmed the incident said the remains of the deceased had been deposited at the mortuary of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), while the only surviving victim in the bus is also already at the (UITH), receiving treatment.

Mr. Efosa, who made a passionate appeal to motorists to also observe traffic codes, avoid over-

speeding and dangerous overtaking, said that 11 women and four men lost their lives in the accident.

It would be recalled that about two months ago, 21 people were burnt to death in a mid-night road accident at a village along the same Ilorin-Jebba road when a commercial bus had a head-on collision with a petrol tanker, subsequent upon which the tanker burst into flames and roasted the victims, majority of whom were female traders.