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Auto accident: Death toll hits 14

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DEATH toll of the fatal motor accident that occurred weekend at Issele-Azagba steep along Benin-Onitsha expressway, involving a commercial bus carrying passengers to Onitsha,

to unite Delta

"In the past, we were like a forgotten community, until the Ibori government opened a gate to the outside for us," he said.

Hon. Odebala also promised to provide quality education, an issue that is constantly reverberating in his quest for leadership.

He said, "It is my belief that education will eliminate ignorance and bring the people together."

At Warri, the aspirant in demonstration of his call for unity, was guest of the Itsekiris of Okere during their annual festival.

has increased to 14. 

About ten others sustained serious injuries, some of whom are on the danger list at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Asaba, Delta State capital.

Both the dead and injured were taken to the hospital by the combined team of the Delta State Sector Command of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and officials of the state Police command.

Sunday Champion gathered that the commercial bus with registration number XC 631 AGU belonging to God's Time Motors, a private commercial bus based in Benin, Edo State in which the passengers were travelling on, had a back tyre burst, a development that made the car to somersault several times.

Those injured were later assisted by some *okada* riders and villagers along the road who witnessed the incident before some policemen on duty at the Okpanam road junction on the expressway and FRSC officials

were alerted.

When *Sunday Champion* stormed the FMC, Asaba, doctors and nurses on duty here battling hard to save the lives of the injured.

The Sector Commander of the FRCS, Delta State, Mr. Sunday Maku when contacted on phone, confirmed the incident but said that only five died while ten were seriously injured and one on danger list.

He said his men had fought hard to rush both the dead and the injured to the FMC for urgent attention while relations of some of the victims were contacted.

Also, at the "B" division of the State Police Command, at the Toll gate, Niger Bridge head one of the officers on rescue mission at the scene of the accident confirmed it.

When *Sunday Champion* contacted the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, she confirmed that only eight persons were dead.