

8 perish in auto crash

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EIGHT persons were yesterday feared dead in an auto crash involving an 18-seater white coloured Toyota Hiace bus.

The accident occurred in Owo-Akure road when the vehicle with registration No. XQ 443 EKY had a flat tyre.

Although details of the crash were sketchy, eye witnesses told *Daily Champion* that the ill-fated vehicle summersaulted several times before ramming into a shallow hole.

It was also learnt that in the accident which occurred at Mokewu Village, near Owo in Ondo State at about 2:45pm, 8 occupants of the vehicle died

on the spot.

Daily Champion was also told that a school teacher in a nearby primary school, who wanted to cross to the other side of the road, was also crushed by the ill-fated vehicle.

Men of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) were said to have rushed to other passengers who sustained various degrees of injury to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Owo for treatment.

Daily Champion recalls that even before the yuletide, auto crashes in most major roads assumed a frightening dimension.

About a week ago, 2 people

were killed in Ring Road, Ibadan during an accident involving a trailer, Toyota Camry and a pick-Up van belonging to a publishing firm.

They were on a trip to Abeokuta when the accident occurred.

A few days before the 2007 Xmas celebration, many people were roasted in an auto crash at the Lagos-Ibadan expressway which has, of recent, become a hotbed of death.

At Abuja-Lagos road about 10 persons reportedly died during the celebration in auto crash which also claimed a family of three.