

Auto crash claims 7 in Ibadan

AN early morning auto crash involving a commercial bus yesterday claimed the lives of at least seven persons, including school children along Iwo Road in Ibadan, Oyo State capital leaving several others with varied degrees of injuries.

The ill-fated bus painted in Oyo State commercial colour with registration number OY 6556 BJ reportedly lost control due to overspeeding at the vicinity of Ibadan North East Local Government Council secretariat as it was approaching the Iwo Road junction. The incident occurred at about 7.45 am.

Eye witnesses revealed that the vehicle somersaulted severally while the people inside were reportedly trapped before sympathisers came to their rescue.

According to sources, immediately the accident occurred, the trapped

commuters could not find their way out and it took the spirited efforts of passersby who rushed to the scene to upturn the vehicle which had fallen flat over the doors.

However, most of the victims were reportedly rescued dead with some others sustaining severe injuries. The victims included students going to school some of whom also died.

But the death of the students infuriated some people who went wild and torched the vehicle.

Our correspondent gathered that immediately the accident occurred, both the driver and conductor of the vehicle took to their heels and raced out of the scene.

The crashed commercial bus was seen still burning while policemen and traffic wardens were seen controlling traffic at the area when our correspondent visited the scene at about noon.