

7 roasted in Edo road crash

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TRAGEDY struck Sunday night on Benin-Auchi road as at least seven persons were burnt to death in a ghastly motor accident.

Sources at the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) told Daily Champion that the victims were burnt beyond recognition after the vehicles involved went up in flames.

It would be recalled that about 80 persons have been killed in several motor accidents on the same route in the last one month. This includes the death of over 50 travellers who were roasted to death inside a luxury bus at the Ewu-Auchi axis of the road.

Few days later, another accident occurred on the Ewu-Auchi road killing 21 persons.

Investigations revealed that the latest accident involved two tankers, a Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) jeep, Toyota Hillux van and a motor bike.

Reports said three persons were injured in the accident that occurred just after the gate of the monastery at Ewu community. Eyewitness said the five occupants of the vehicles involved in the accident were trapped by the fire from one of the tankers involved.

It was gathered that the driver of the tanker loaded with fuel had a break failure and ran into the Hillux and the other vehicles in resulting in the

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accident.

Contacted, the zonal commander of the Federal Roads Safety Commission (FRSC) in Benin, Mr. Zakari

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Nda, who confirmed the accident on the telephone conversation with Daily

Champion said the men of the FRSC were investigating the cause of the accident and the survivors have been rushed to Iruah Teaching Hospital for urgent medical attention.