

16 roasted to death in road crash

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NO fewer than 16 persons were roasted to death in an auto crash that involved two commercial buses at Olu Foam area of Akure, on Akure-Owo Expressway last Sunday. They were burnt beyond recognition while 10 others sustained injuries.

However, a set of twins involved in the accident escaped unhurt. The accident was said to have involved a north-bound Fiat bus marked Kano XE 513 FGE and a 14-seater Abuja-bound Hiace Commuter bus with registration, Lagos XR 290 EPE belonging to Zion Escort Transport Company.

Those injured were taken to the emergency section of the State Specialist Hospital Akure.

Eyewitnesses told Daily Champion that the two buses were going towards the same direction before ramming into a trailer, resulting in one of the buses catching fire.

Firemen from the Ondo State Fire Service, who arrived later at the scene of the incident, could not salvage

the situation. Officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), the police and Army were at the scene of the accident to put the situation under control.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for the Ondo State Command, Mr Aremu Adeniran, said 16 people died in the road mishap.

Meanwhile, Governor Olusegun Mimiko of Ondo State yesterday visited the victims at the State Specialist Hospital, Akure with a promise that the government would take care of the medical bills of those injured.

He said the government would also make contact with the families of the victims.

