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21 Ebonyi indigenes perish in auto crash

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Okposi community in Ohaozara local government area of Ebonyi State has been thrown into mourning following the death of 21 indigenes in an auto crash.

The victims, said to be traveling from Lagos to Ebonyi State, ended their trip tragically when their vehicle was involved in an accident at Ore on Ondo state on Tuesday.

Survivors of the crash sustained various degrees of injuries as they are still in the hospital receiving treatment.

A family member to one of the bereaved families (names withheld) who spoke to our reporter, stated that the 18-seater bus left Lagos at about 4: am on the previous day and on reaching Ore ran into a trailer and was gutted by fire.

Seventeen out of the 21 passengers that lost their lives were adults while the remaining four were children. An eye witness account revealed that the accident occurred when the bus driver who was on a high speed left his lane to another lane, unfortunately ran into a moving trailer, thereby leading to a head on collision.

The coordinator, Okposi Development Centre, Elder Ihebunandu Okorie who confirmed the ugly episode, described the accident as unfortunate and a great loss to the state.

He called on the state government, National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, State Emergency Management Agency, SEMA and other relevant agencies to come to the aid of the bereaved families in order to provide succour to them.

Okorie advised commuters to always maintain their lane while on the highway for the safety of their lives and that of their passengers adding that his development centre had spent over N100,000 to bring back some of the corpses for burial.

The deceased persons were said to be traveling home for an annual festival when the accident occurred.

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This is so Pathetic. Ask the driver where he was rushing to.

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