

Nine die in auto crash

An auto crash claimed the lives of nine persons on Tuesday on the Mbiama/ Yenagoa road in Bayelsa state, comprising two females and seven males.

Eyewitnesses told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the accident occurred on the Opolo axis of the Mbiama/Yenagoa road at about 9 p.m. The eyewitnesses said the accident involved a Toyota 10-seater bus and a tipper.

The tipper driver allegedly parked on the road and the Toyota bus, with registration number XA 221 NTT on the Mbiama/Yenagoa road, ran into the tipper, the eyewitnesses said. Nine of the 10 persons, including the driver, died on the spot, while a boy survived with injuries.

NAN correspondent who visited the scene of the accident on Wednesday, reports that female hair wigs, blood stains and a smashed skull were seen littered inside the Toyota bus.

Meanwhile, the remains of the deceased have been deposited at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) morgue in Yenagoa, while the minor was now receiving treatment at the emergency ward.

The sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Mr John Meheux, confirmed the accident and the number of casualties.

A source at the Ekeki police divisional headquarters in Yenagoa confirmed that the driver of the tipper was already in their custody. (NAN)