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## Accidents claim 31 lives in Bauchi, Edo

Sunday, 03 April 2011 00:00 Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi & Vincent Egunyanga in Benin

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) said yesterday that they had evacuated 17 dead bodies and 17 cars that were burnt beyond recognition following last Saturday's accident along Jos-Bauchi federal highway in Narabi village of Bauchi State.

In a telephone interview with Sunday Trust yesterday, Bauchi Sector Commandant of the commission Zakariyya Mamman told Sunday Trust that: "Presently we are at the scene of the accident; we have evacuated 17 dead bodies that were burnt beyond recognition.

"Some people and vehicles were also burnt to ashes. We counted 17 cars that were burnt to ashes, even their plate numbers you cannot recognize. Presently we have cleared 14 vehicles, three remain: the tanker that caused the accident and two lorries." he said.

He blamed the high causality figures on the delay in notifying the commission to rescue the victims.

He appealed to the general public to always cooperate with road safety officials to benefit from their services.

Mr Mamman said the accident occurred when the truck loaded with petroleum products lost control and rammmed into the other vehicles.

Another, fourteen people including four Youth Corp members lost their lives in a ghastly motor accident along the Okene-Benin highway on Friday night

The accident was as a result of head-on collision between a tanker carrying bitumen and eighteen seater commercial Hiace bus.

An eye witness account said the accident occurred when the tanker's break failed and it crashed into the on-coming Onitsha bound bus from Abuja.

We gathered that while all the fourteen occupants of the bus with a registration No. XV 718 ABC lost their lives, the driver of the tanker could not be found while the motor boy sustained injuries.

We further gathered that the scene of the accident was a gory sight as bodies of the victims were badly mutilated.

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