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again yesterday while burying their dead bodies resulting from the previous day fighting.

5 feared killed in Lagos auto crash

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No fewer than five persons were feared dead, while four others sustained severe injuries yesterday when a commercial bus in which they were traveling crashed at Constrain area of Lagos state, bursting into flame.

The Volkswagen 14-seater bus was said to be coming from Lagos Island and heading toward Mainland when it crashed, trapping the passengers.

Nine persons were on board at the time of the incident, which occurred at about 4.30pm

The bodies of the deceased persons were handed over to the Police at Iporin Division, while the injured were taken to the accident and emergency unit of Lagos General Hospital on the Island.

The dead were the bus driver and his assistant (conductor), including the two persons who sat in front of the vehicle.

The driver was said to be on top speed when the front tyre of the

bus exploded, causing it to tumble and burst into flame.

The Director, Lagos State Fire Service, Razaq Fadipe, confirmed the auto crash, saying that four of the victims died on the spot, while five others sustained various degrees of fire burn.

Fadipe advised passengers in commercial vehicles to always caution their drivers when they felt that the drivers were becoming reckless in their driving.

"Commercial bus operators should also endeavour to equip their vehicles with fire extinguishers. It is by so doing that a sudden outbreak of fire can be put in check," he added.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), South West Region, Ibrahim Farinloye, who also confirmed the auto crash, said that those who formed the initial rescue team were other road users.

He explained that it was the rescuers' early intervention that reduced the number of deaths in the incident.