13 die in Ondo auto crashes

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TRAGEDY struck in Akure, the Ondo State capital yesterday as about 10 persons on their way from Lagos to Abuja lost their lives along Ilesha-Akure Expressway.

Three others who were students of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) died separately in another auto crash along First Bank Road in Akure metropolis when their vehicle summersaulted several times before help could come their way.

The Guardian gathered that the 10 people who died along Ilesha/Akure Expressway were crushed to death by a luxury bus while trying to avoid an armed robbery operation.

Eyewitness told *The Guardian* that many motorists have been trapped in the robbery operation as they were dispossessed of their belonging, including cash worth several millions of maira.