

11 die in Benin-Ore road accident

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ELEVEN passengers were killed yesterday at the Ondo axis of the Benin-Ore road when a luxurious bus rammed into an 18-seater commercial bus.

The accident was said to have occurred around 10.00 a.m. and was attributed to recklessness of the bus driver who was driving against traffic on a portion of the road, which was recently rehabilitated by the Federal Ministry of Works.

Eye-witnesses said the luxury bus marked XU 824 BDG smashed the Hiace bus with the registration number XZ 176 JJJ.

The bus, said to be coming from one of the eastern parts of the country, was trying to overtake other vehicles when the accident happened.

The luxurious bus, according to a passenger, Felix Nwado, took off from Maza-Maza, Lagos State and was heading for Onitsha and Enugu.

As at the time of filing this report yesterday, operatives of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) were seen trying to remove the trapped remains of other victims from the wrecked bus.