

11 die as truck smashes bus in Edo

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Eleven persons, yesterday, died, while eight others sustained injuries in an accident that occurred on the Benin-Lagos highway in Edo State.

The crash, it was gathered, happened at 11:00a.m. at Ovia River, notorious for mishaps, owing to a failed portion on the expressway.

The catastrophe happened when a speedy articulated truck heading towards Benin from Lagos rammed into an 18-seater at the bad spot.

An eyewitness said the Toyota Hiace bus, heading for the East, had slowed down at the failed portion, when the truck smashed it.

Edo State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Paul Okpe, who confirmed the incident, attributed the development to recklessness.

According to him, “driver of the bus slowed down at the bad section of the Ovia River and in the process, the truck on speed, rammed into the bus, killing the victims and injuring others.”

He said the injured victims were taken to the hospital for treatment, while the bodies had been deposited at the morgue.

Okpe advised drivers to imbibe culture of safe driving and be at alert all time.