

15 Die In Auto Crash In Ilorin

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No fewer than 15 people lost their lives in a fatal auto crash along Aderan-Jebba road, about 60 kilometres from Ilorin, the Kwara State capital.

The accident, which occurred on Tuesday involved an 18-seater commercial bus and a truck. Eyewitness accounts stated that the accident

occurred around 1pm when the trailer rammed into the stationary commercial bus.

The Jebba bound bus was said to have developed mechanical problems on the way forcing the driver to stop with a view to rectifying the fault.

It was learnt that while the driver was trying to locate the problem, the truck hit the stationary bus as it was trying to overtake a vehicle.

Fifteen passengers in the bus reportedly died instantly while the driver who was the only survivor sustained serious injury. He has been admitted at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Ilorin. His chance of surviving is said to be hanging in the balance.

Out of the 15 passengers that lost their lives 11 were females. Most of them were de-

scribed as bush meat sellers. They were said to be heading for Jebba to buy bush meat they will sell to their customers. Their remains have been deposited at the mortuary of the UITH.

The state Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety, Mr Efosa Osawe confirmed the incident. He attributed it to over speeding and reckless overtaking.

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