

Road Accident Claims 12 In Ekiti

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At least 12 people, including a pregnant woman, were feared dead on Monday in Aramoko Ekiti, Ekiti State in an accident involving a petrol tanker and a Toyota Hiace bus.

Apart from the dead, six others

were critically injured in the accident, which occurred at 7.05a.m.

A witness, Mr. Onatunde Olaleye, blamed the accident on the tanker carrying about 15,000 litres of fuel.

According to him, the tanker had a brake failure at Ita-Ore, the border town between Ekiti and

Osun states. The driver managed the vehicle until he lost control at a bend in front of the Area Office of the Ministry of Lands and Housing at Aramoko-Ekiti where the truck had a head-on collision with the commercial bus.

The bus, with registration number Lagos XAI 139 KRI, left Fajuyi

Park in Ado-Ekiti with 18 passengers at 6:35a.m for Lagos.

The truck driver fled the scene of the accident immediately it occurred.

Other witnesses said men of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) who arrived 20 minutes later rescued the survivors said to

be on the danger list at the General Hospital, Aramoko.

Bodies recovered had been deposited at the General Hospital mortuary. About 30 minutes after the rescue operation, the tanker burst into flame. Efforts to put it off by firemen from Aramoko division were abortive.

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