

Eight die in Edo accident

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EIGHT persons were on Thursday killed in a multiple accident, which occurred along the Murtala-Muhammed Way in Benin City.

The accident, which involved commuter bus marked XK 563 USL, a Volkswagen Jetta car with registration number DG 744 BEN, a bike and a tipper lorry, reportedly occurred at about 7: 30 p.m. on Wednesday.

The lorry marked XC 235 ATM, was said to be moving at top speed along the Murtala Mohammed Way from the Sapele road axis, when it suddenly developed mechanical fault near Suyi Hospital before ramming into the other vehicles.

Reports had it that the accidents occurred as a result of the inability of the tanker driver to control the vehicle when its brakes failed.

When contacted, spokesman of Edo State Police Command, Ejiroro Awhara, however, said only two persons died in the accident.