

SEVEN PERISH IN EDO AUTO CRASH

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A fatal auto accident involving a Dangote Cement truck and a passenger bus, a Toyota Sienna, has claimed the lives of seven persons on the Benin-Okene highway at Okpella, Etsako East Local Government Area of Edo State.

The accident, which occurred on Monday evening, also left four persons seriously injured. The dead victims included four females and three males, including two children.

Daily Independent gathered that the accident occurred following a collision involving the Dangote truck and the Toyota Sienna bus with registration number Abuja, AZ 905 RSH.

The Edo State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Luka Ikpi, who confirmed the accident, blamed the incident on excessive speed and dangerous overtaking. Ikpi said the driver of the Sienna bus over took without proper calculation and consequently crashed into the truck coming from opposite direction.

The crash resulted in the death of seven, out of eleven occupants of the bus, while the other four sustained serious injuries.

The corpses of the dead victims have been deposited in a morgue, while the injured are undergoing treatment at an undisclosed hospital in Okpella.

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