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## 15 persons feared dead in auto crash in Benin

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NO fewer than 15 persons were feared dead in a vehicular accident that occurred on Wednesday night at Ewu hill Benin/Auchi Road when a trailer crashed into an 18-seater Toyota Hiace passenger bus.

Reports had it that the trailer conveying full load of beer was said to have had a break failure and crashed into the commercial bus with registration number LFA 137 XB,

killing nearly all the passengers on board, with only three survivors.

According to the report, the trailer and the bus were heading towards the same direction, descending the hill to Auchi when the accident occurred.

It was also gathered that it took the combined efforts of the men of the Federal Road Safety Corps, the Police and the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps to dismember the mangled bus to retrieve the survivors and dead bodies.

The incident was said to have caused a terrible traffic gridlock for several hours as the police tried frantically to control the long queue of vehicles on both sides of the busy express way through the only narrow passage that was left.

However, sympathizers at the scene have appealed to the relevant authorities to find lasting solution to frequent vehicular mishaps on Ewu hill, saying that several lives have been lost since the construction of the road in 1973.

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