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No fewer than three persons were yesterday confirmed dead along Lagos-Ibadan Expressway when a commercial passenger bus and a mini-truck conveying margarine collided yesterday evening on the ever busy road.

LEADERSHIP learnt that the accident, which occurred on Arepo end of the expressway left at least three passengers dead while seven others sustained varying degrees of injury and severe burns.

The accident caused heavy traffic congestion on both sides of the expressway as motorists resorted to driving against traffic.

According to a witness who simply gave his

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name as Mr. Thomas, “ You all know that trucks usually park on the side of the road beside BHN yard where trucks are loaded with Indomie Noodles. Around 5.45pm, one of the trucks was attempting to negotiate into the expressway but did not observe oncoming traffic.

“A passenger bus and a mini-truck laden with margarine, both on top speed, were driving by when the Indomie truck swerved in their direction. In a bid to avoid the truck, the bus swerved and in turn ran into the mini truck and then fell on the divider.

“The Indomie truck sped off. The margarine truck caught fire and it spread unto the passenger truck.”

though the three occupants of the mini-truck came out alive, they sustained severe burn, while passengers of the bus were unlucky and could not escape.

The inflammable nature of margarine was said to have fueled the fire which continued to intensify leaving the passengers to their fate as sympathisers took to their heels.

Policemen attached to the Ibafo Police Division as well as some rescue officials were seen at the scene of the accident rescuing the passengers of the bus.

A senior police officer who did not disclosed his name said, “Four women, two children and one official of the Federal Road Safety Corps were injured, saying they have been rushed to Divine Touch Hospital, Ibafo, where they are receiving treatment.

He said, “Rescue efforts are still on but three corpses are said to have been roasted inside the fire.

“We are going to clamp down on truck drivers who park on the expressway because they have been causing too many accidents in recent time.

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