

# 2 ACCIDENT: 2 Burnt To Death On Benin By-pass

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The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) said two people were burnt beyond recognition at the Oluku end of the Benin bypass following an accident involving a truck and a fuel tanker.

The FRSC Zonal Commanding Officer in Benin, Mr Charles Akpabio, said this in a statement made available to newsmen on Sunday in Benin.

Akpabio said four others, who sustained serious burns, had been taken to the Central Hospital, Benin, for medical attention.

He said the accident occurred on Friday, when an articulated Mark Truck, belonging to Dangote Group of Companies, rammed into a

tanker fully loaded with fuel, causing the tanker to burst into flames.

According to him, the fire also affected two other trailers.

Akpabio described the accident as fatal and attributed it to "wrongful overtaking".

He stated that his men quickly called in officials of the Fire Service who put out the fire to prevent further damage.

"As a result of the chaotic situation at the scene, FRSC personnel from Toll Gate and Uwan Esigie Command were detailed to control traffic at the scene.

"While others were at the entrance of the bypass diverting traffic to the town to avoid congestion near the scene," he said.