

Accident: 3 Die In Delta Auto-Crash In Delta

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An 18-seater bus driver, whose name could not be ascertained yesterday, alongside two others, died around Igbodo community, along Asaba-Benin Expressway after a tyre burst on his way to Asaba, Delta State.

Reports said the driver, a native of Abia State whose wife was recently delivered of a baby boy, was heading towards Asaba from Benin-City where he had 18 full passengers including himself before the bubble burst.

Eyewitness, Christopher Ijeh, said one of the tyres of the 18-seater bus burst around Igbodo community while the driver had reached a considerable speed level, leaving the bus to summersault over times, and the driver and two passengers died on the spot.

He said, "The driver had just reached a considerable speed level when suddenly one of the tyres burst into flame, leaving the driver and two passengers dead on the spot, while the rest injured passengers were taken

to a nearby hospital for treatment".

The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) Commander in the State, Mr. Random Kulven, who confirmed the accident, said the driver and two passengers died as a result of the tyre burst, and cautioned commercial road users against the use of tokunbo tyres.

He said, "Commercial drivers should stop patronising tokunbo tyres, they are not good on our Nigeria roads, drivers should stay away from tokunbo tyres".

Meanwhile, a 19 year-old girl simply identified as Blessing yesterday was shot dead by a suspected armed robber along the popular Uti road, Effurun in Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State.

The late Blessing, according to eyewitness was said to have on the instructions of her mother, closed and locked up her salon business and was walking home when she was accosted by the robber who shot her after snatching her bag containing her handset and undisclosed amount of money.

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