

# 16 Feared Dead In Ghastly Motor Accident On Bida-Minna Road



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Sixteen persons have been feared dead in a ghastly motor accident along dilapidated Minna-Bida road, bringing to three of such motor accidents that have occurred on the road in the past three months.

LEADERSHIP gathered yesterday that the accident occurred at Kakapangi after Katearegi town in the Katcha local government area of the state about 30 kilometres to Bida.

It was learnt that the accident involved a Toyota Hiace bus conveying traders from Oyo State to Minna and a Tanker loaded with fuel enroute Bida town and it occurred when the bus tried to doge a pothole on the road.

An eye witness account revealed that when the two vehicles collided they both went in flame because of the inflammable nature of the content of the tanker.

The eye witness account further revealed that the driver of the commercial bus and his 15 passengers were trapped leading to their bodies roasted to death.

Whereas it was not clear whether the occupants of the fuel tanker escaped, it was learnt that the tanker was burnt down as sympathisers at the scene battled spiritedly to recover the remains of those that were burnt in the commercial vehicle.

The public relations officer of the Federal Road Safety Corp, Niger State command, Malam Raji Ejigogo, confirmed the story but added that the organisation was yet to get details of the incident.

He said, "We cannot say the number of casualty, our emergency accident team has gone to the area for on the spot investigation."

Some of the sympathisers blamed the frequent accident and the resultant heavy casualty to the bad nature of the road that raise dusts which make it difficult for motorists along the road to see their vision easily .