

## 8 Libyan Returnees Burnt Alive In Road Accident

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It was tragedy for eight Libyan returnees from Edo State who reportedly died in a fatal road accident as the bus they were travelling in went up in flame along Ore-Ijebu, Ode-Sagamu Expressway in Ogun State.

Meanwhile, seven others who sustained serious injuries and the corpse of the dead were taken to

the Ijebu Ode General Hospital, in the state.

The incident which occurred at about 10:45pm on Tuesday last week close to Omoo River, I4 area of the route involved a white Toyota Hiace 18 seater-commercial bus with registration number AYB 479 XA and a blue and white Volvo truck with plate number KSF 79 XL.

Investigations revealed that the

ill-fated commercial bus had left Benin, the state capital late in the night with 15 male and female returnees from Libya after they had been profiled by the state taskforce on anti-human trafficking and illegal migration.

They were reported to have headed to Lagos State to receive spiritual and financial assistance from the General Overseer of the Synagogue

they played towards the peaceful and crime-free Christmas and New Year celebrations in the state.

Church of All Nations, SCOAN, Prophet TB Joshua who has consistently been a benefactor to most trapped returnees and other less privileged members of the public.

However, the identities of the victims are not yet known as investigations revealed that there was no manifest from the commercial bus to indicate their names and destinations.