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It was tragedy yesterday for the students of Auchi Polytechnic as a 15-seater Toyota Hiace Bus donated by Edo State Government to the Students Union Government of Auchi Polytechnic was involved in ghastly motor accident, claiming two lives along the ever busy Benin-Abuja expressway.

The deceased students, LEADERSHIP gathered, were said to be those who had just graduated from the institution.

It was learnt that the SUG President, Musa Kazeem Abiola, had insisted on driving the new bus back to the institution against the advice of other exco members who had demanded that the official driver, who had taken them to Benin, take charge of the vehicle.





An eyewitness account said the SUG president, while driving the Toyota Hiace bus to Auchi, had a head-on collision with an oncoming vehicle, resulting in the death of two students.

The SUG president himself reportedly sustained injuries while the vehicle was said to be seriously damaged.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the school authorities are planning to take stern disciplinary measures against the SUG President for his flouting procedure in the method he adopted in receiving the bus from the Edo State government.

According to the source, while Abiola informed only the Secretary of the Student Union body, the other exco members were not put in the picture. The normal procedure would have been for the SUG President to inform the Dean of Students Affairs of the donation, who would in turn inform the school authorities who would then make preparation to travel to Benin to receive the bus and take it to school.

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