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16 Feared Dead In Auto Crash Along Makurdi-Aliade Road

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No fewer than 16 people are feared dead in a ghastly motor accident involving a Benue Links bus and a Toyota car along Makurdi-Aliade road in Benue State.

According to eye witnesses, the incident which occurred at about 5 p.m. yesterday resulted from over speeding on the part of the drivers.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the 14-seaters bus belonging to Benue Links from Makurdi had head-on collision with the Toyota car and the two of them burst into flames.

Other motorists plying the route and villagers watched helplessly while the 16 persons in the affected vehicles died on the spot, with four of them burnt beyond recognition.

"I had never seen this kind of accident since I was born. It's so pathetic. We watched the victims as they were burning in the inferno and we couldn't help them even though we wanted to. The flame was too much for anybody to go near," said an eye witness.

LEADERSHIP visited the scene of the accident and met members of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) evacuating the dead victims from the debris of the vehicles.

When contacted on phone, Public Relations Officer of FRSC, Benue Sector Command, Samson Audu confirmed the accident, but declined further comments on the matter.

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