

# 10 die in Delta road crash

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**N**O fewer than 10 persons were burnt to death in an accident on the Warri-Port Harcourt highway on Sunday morning.

Eyewitness said the crash occurred at about 6am when a Toyota Hiace passengers' bus collided head-on with another vehicle at Ulakola on the Mbiama-Ahoada section of the road.

It was gathered that the driver of the bus, which was on its way from Port Harcourt, lost control as it was overtaking a petrol tanker before crashing into the oncoming vehicle.

"The bus immediately caught fire and was immediately engulfed in flame, trapping the 14 passengers or thereabout and the driver.

"There was nothing anybody could do to save them because it was in the early hours of the morning. Besides, the fire was so sudden that even the passengers were caught unawares," a witness said.

Although our correspondent gathered that none of the passengers on the bus made it, a police source claimed that only eight persons died in the accident.

The vehicle was still burning over two hours after the accident at about 8:00am.

The scene of the accident was crowded with travelers as drivers took time off their journey to catch a glimpse of the ill-fated bus and the charred remains of the passengers.