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## UNIBEN students feared dead in road crash

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Some students of the University of Benin (UNIBEN) were feared dead last night in a motor accident.

The accident occurred around 8:30pm, in front of the university's main gate at Ugbowo.

A Lagos-bound trailer was said to have run into two shuttle buses conveying some students from the campus to the city.

A lecturer, who witnessed the accident, said the buses were about crossing the road into Benin when the trailer rammed into them.

He said some people in nearby phone centres were also hit by the trailer.

According to him, "severed arms and limbs littered the scene".

He said the bodies had been deposited at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) morgue, and the injured rushed to the accident and emergency ward.

But UNIBEN's Public Relation Officer (PRO) Eddy Akpomera told The Nation that nobody died.

Akpomera, who said he had spoken with the Student Union President and Speaker of Parliament, over the accident, said: "There were no deaths at all."

He added: "Three students were critically injured; the others, about seven, had minor injuries and they have been treated at the UBTH."

Akpomera said the accident occurred when a trailer ran into a crowd.

The State Police Command Public Relations Officer Peter Ogboi told The Nation he "has not received any information on the accident".

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