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18 die in Edo auto crash

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18 passengers were on Monday roasted to death in an accident that occurred at Okada town along the Benin-Lagos-Ore road.

Those dead included two children, 15 adults and a motor-boy of a heavy duty truck.

The accident caused heavy gridlock along the express road as it happened on a one- way lane while construction work was ongoing on the other lane.

The accident involved a heavy Mark truck loaded with gravel and a commercial Toyota bus belonging to Peace Mass Transit Company Limited.

Edo State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, (FRSC), Mr. Kenneth Nwaegbe, confirmed the accident in a chat but said many children who survived the accident have been taken to the hospital for treatment.

Nwaegbe said, "It was not really a head- on- collision like that. What happened was that the Mark truck was carrying gravel and was coming from Ore to Benin when it lost one of its tyres and control. And the Toyota bus was coming from Benin to Lagos when the two collided."

Rescue operations were carried out by FRSC operatives from the Tollgate unit command, policemen from Okada town police station and some sympathizers.

Coordinator of Save Accident Victims of Nigeria, Dr. Eddy Ehihamenor, said all the victims were burnt beyond recognition.

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