



12 passengers burnt to death in Ibadan road crash

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Eleven passengers and the driver of a commercial bus were burnt to death yesterday in an accident in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

The accident occurred at about 4pm at Academy area of the city, when the 18-seater commercial summersaulted.

It was learnt that the bus was being pursued by a task force of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) for picking passengers by the roadside, instead of taking his turn at the approved motor park.

The driver was said to have lost control due to the pressure mounted on him by the task force members.

Two female passengers managed to escape by forcing their way through the back windscreen before the vehicle caught fire.

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An online medium quoted one of the survivors, who identified herself as Kemi as explaining that the driver of the bus was on his way to Lagos when the accident occurred.

"We boarded the bus at Oremoji/Agugu. After boarding, we discovered that he was being pursued by the task force of the NURTW. The task force members, we were told, were not happy with him for contravening the laws of the union.

"He was not supposed to be picking passengers by the roadside. He was supposed to register at any of the designated garages and parks.

"So, after picking us, they started to pursue him. We begged him to stop, but he refused since we were about 14, including the driver in the vehicle," Kemi said.

The bus and the occupants burnt as sympathisers watched helplessly.

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