

15 die in Ondo road crash

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Fifteen passengers travelling on Epinmi-Isua Akoko road in Ondo State reportedly died yesterday in a road accident.

Sources said the victims were travelling in a bus when their vehicle had a head-on collision with an unregistered second-hand imported (Tokunbo) vehicle.

It was learnt that the vehicles caught fire, which nearly consumed all the occupants of the bus.

An eyewitness said the Tokunbo vehicle, which was driven by a military man, reportedly overtook another vehicle on the busy Epinmi-Isua-Abuja road.

The Police Area Commander for Akoko, Razak Rauf, who was on a routine trip to some divisions in the area, attributed the accident to recklessness.

A community leader and Chief Imam of Epinmi-Akoko, Alhaji Maliki Alimi, regretted the incessant road carnage on the route in recent time.

Men of Ikare Akoko unit of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) were said to have been deployed for the rescue operation.

They reportedly evacuated the bodies of the victims to Ikare-Akoko specialist hospital's mortuary.

It was also learnt that the drivers of the two vehicles survived but sustained various degrees of injuries and were receiving treatment in the hospital.













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