

Truck crushes four to death in Edo

POLICE said yesterday that a truck crushed four bus passengers to death in Benin, the Edo State capital.

Eyewitnesses said nine persons died in the accident, which involved a truck conveying sand and two mini-buses.

The incident took place on Sokponba Road by Ogbelaka Junction.

The truck had brake failure and rammed into two commercial buses, killing nine passengers on the spot, an eyewitnesses said.

The truck driver was attempting to overtake another truck but lost control and rammed into the mini-buses.

Bodies of the victims were deposited in a morgue, while the injured passengers were rushed to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of a nearby hospital.

The accident caused a gridlock on Sakponba Road and adjoining Asoro, Eri and Ogbelaka streets.



•The crash scene...yesterday

From Bisi Olaniyi,
Benin City

Many people trekked to their destinations.

Policemen and members of vigilance groups were at the scene attempting to re-

store normalcy.

Police spokesman Bello Kontongs said four persons died in the accident.

Kontongs said: "It involved a truck coming from Upper Sakponba that lost control and ran into a

white bus, killing three people on the spot, while one died on the way to hospital.

"The injured victims have been rushed to the hospital for treatment."

...challenged suspected bandits' suppliers