Seven passengers died in the Osun incident, which happened at about 3.45am on Tuesday.

It was learnt that the 18-passenger bus was at top speed when it veered off the Ilesha/Osu Expressway, rammed into a roadside billboard and caught fire.

The travellers were coming from Zamfara.

Field Commandant of Osun Security Network, Amotekun, Comrade Amitolu Shittu, confirmed the crash.

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"We were on patrol around 3:45am at Ilesha when the incident occurred. The vehicle was at top speed when it hit a billboard. Some passengers burnt beyond recognition. The Federal Road Safety Corps and the fire service joined us there."

Sector Commander, FRSC, Paul Okpe said four of the dead "burnt beyond recognition."