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One dies, 15 pupils burnt in Ondo school bus fire

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No fewer than 15 pupils of Hope of Tomorrow Academy, in Akungba, Akoko South West council of Ondo State suffered burns after the school bus they were riding caught fire.

It was gathered that the incident occurred at about 8am on Tuesday.

One of the affected pupils reportedly died after being rushed home.

Witnesses said the bus driver was picking up the pupils from their homes when vehicle caught fire.

One of the witnesses, who gave his name as Olumide said, "There was smoke in the sky and people ran to the area and discovered that it was a fire incident involving school children."

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“It took the intervention of residents who were said to have immediately broken the rear shield after discovering that the doors of the vehicle were locked.”

The management of the institution was yet to speak on the matter as at press time.

Police spokesman DSP Funmilayo Odunlami said the affected children were in the hospital.

Odunlami said she got information that one of them passed away in his parents’ house.

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