

Sit-at-home: 13 passengers burnt to death in Enugu road crash

NO fewer than 13 persons were burnt to death on Sunday night in an accident involving a Toyota bus and a truck at 4-Corners Junction, near Enugu metropolis, Enugu State.

The victims were burnt beyond recognition as the passenger bus conveying them from Imo State to Adamawa collided head-on with a the heavy-duty truck

and exploded immediately.

The victims were said to be attempting to beat the Monday's sit-at-home order in solidarity with leader of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), Mazi Nnamdi Kanu, over continued detention by the federal government.

The accident, which occurred at about 10.30pm close to army checkpoint at 4-Corners, attracted the soldiers, who made futile effort to rescue the passengers.

The soldiers alerted the officials of Road Safety and Fire Service, but even their quick response could not

save the victims, it was said.

The only passenger, who survived, reportedly jumped out from the window and was rescued by security operatives.

He was said to have been rushed to the nearby University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital (UNTH) Enugu.

The charred bodies of the victims were taken to the morgue of the UNTH.

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