

11 die in Ondo road accident



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Eleven persons burnt to death in yesterday's accident at Ore, Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State, involving a luxury Marcopolo bus and a trailer, it has been learnt.

Ondo Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Ezekiel Son'Allah, who confirmed the accident, attributed it to over speeding.

He said Step Down Company Fire Service and the police were contacted for emergency support.

Unit Commander of the FRSC Sikiru Alonge added that the trailer had a head-on collision with the Marcopollo bus.

He said: “We had to call for fire ambulance to put out the fire but the passengers were burnt beyond recognition as we are unable to recognise their gender. It took the efforts of Omotosho Step Down Power Station fire ambulance and other sympathisers to put out the fire.”

Alonge added that the accident caused a gridlock on the expressway, while the FRSC officials and other security agencies tried to control the situation.

Ten persons also sustained injuries in another accident which happened at the Ore Toll gate on the Ore-Benin expressway.

Alonge said the accident involved a Toyota Hiace bus (FUG 17 XY), adding that the accident was caused by excessive speed. The injured were taken to Opeyemi Hospital in Ore while the vehicles were taken to the FRSC unit office.