

# 18 feared dead in Sagamu-Benin Expressway crash



No fewer than 18 passengers were burnt to death yesterday morning when a Toyota Hiace bus marked XA 690 AKU, which was conveying them caught fire while in transit.

The driver, however, who sustained injuries, was the only survivor.

The incident occurred about 3:30.am at the RCC Yard-Ijebu Ode corridor of Benin-Sagamu Expressway.

Witnesses said operatives of the **Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC)** and Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE) evacuated the victims, cleared obstruction and directed traffic.

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Though the FRSC Sector Commander for Ogun State, Mr. Fasakin Akinwumi, said only four people died while eight were injured, the spokesman, TRACE, Babatunde Akinbiyi, said 18 people were presumed dead, while the

driver survived.

“The partially burnt and injured driver was rescued and taken to Rona Hospital in Ijebu Ode while the presumed dead were deposited at State Hospital Mortuary, Ijebu Ode by FRSC,” he added.

He attributed the cause to leaked fuel. “According to eye witness accounts and they were corroborated by the driver, there was a keg of fuel in the bus, which fell on its side when the vehicle got to a failed portion of the road. It poured on the floor of the bus and later dropped on the exhaust pipe and caught fire on transit,” he said.