

Five burnt to death as bus catches fire on Abakaliki highway

At least five people on ~~Friday died in Ebonyi State, as a bus filled with passengers caught fire.~~

It gathered that the incident happened in Abakaliki, capital of Ebonyi State, along the Abakaliki-Enugu Expressway, near the G-hostel junction.

It was not immediately clear where the bus came from into

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the city.

However, the passengers were said to be Alumni of a secondary school in the state who were coming for an event.

Sources said the bus came into the state around 20 minutes past midnight when it caught fire.

The police spokesperson in

Ebonyi, Joshua Ukandu, confirmed the incident.

He said the vehicle ran into some obstacles on the road placed by a maintenance team renovating some bad sections of the road, and then it caught fire.

Mr Ukandu confirmed that five people were burnt to death.

According to him, seven other passengers suffered severe burns and were receiving treatment at the hospital.

He said: "The incident happened around 00:20hrs. There are some bad spots on the road where some reconstruction is ongoing. The driver may not have been aware and so ran into the obstacles on the road and