

2 students of same parents crushed to death

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Two primary school pupils of the same parents were yesterday crushed to death by a commercial bus in Benin City, Edo State.

The accident, which occurred at about 8.00 am, literally brought traffic and commercial activities at the ever-busy Siluko Road, Benin to a stand still.

It was gathered that the commercial bus driver lost control of the vehicle when he attempted overtaking a chain of vehicles and then rammed his vehicle into the two pupils and also injured four others before it came to a halt after hitting an

Attempts by an angry mob to set the bus on fire when it was discovered that the bus driver had taken to his heels, were prevented by policemen who were on their routine patrol in the area.

However, the commercial bus, which was badly damaged, was later towed away to the Ogida Police Station, while the remains of the pupils were

taken to the Central Hospital mortuary, Benin City.

The Edo State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, ASP Peter Ogboi, could not be reached for comment, but a source close to his office told *New Nigerian* that the driver of the ill-fated commercial bus who had given up himself to the police, would soon be prosecuted in the law court.

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