

12 burnt to death in road accident

TWELVE persons, including a baby, were burnt to death last week Wednesday when a passenger bus collided with a private car at Agbungbun village along the Osogbo-Ife road in Osun.

The News Agency of Nigeria reports that several other victims, who were badly burnt were rushed to the emergency wing of the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Complex (OAUTHC) Ile-Ife.

The corpses of the victims were taken to Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Teaching Hospital Osogbo (LAUTCH) morgue.

An eyewitness said that the accident occurred at about 8.30 a.m. when a Toyota Corrola car with registration number, Osun

AE 610 Ede, dangerously tried to overtake a vehicle.

He said that it was during the attempt that the vehicle had an head-on collision with a passenger bus with registration number, Osun XA 47 FNN, coming from the opposite direction.

The passenger bus, it was further learnt, was coming from the Ile-Ife axis while the car, a panel van with loafs of bread belonging to a baker, was said to have left Sekona end of the road.

Officials of the Osun FRSC command, the police and villagers, were busy at the scene of the accident battling to res-

cue victims from the wreckage when newsmen visited the scene.

Personal effects belonging to the victims also littered the accident scene, while it took the combined team more than 30 minutes to put off the fire from the bus.

The acting Sector Commander of the FRSC, Mr Oke Peters, told newsmen at the site of the accident that the bus apart from having excess passengers also carried petrol which caused the fire.

"The bus was carrying 26 passengers instead of the normal 11, and the fire which gutted the vehicle may be as a result of the petrol the bus was carrying," he said.