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6 burn to death, 14 injured in auto crash

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As Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan fast, some families were thrown into mourning as six people burnt beyond recognition and 14 others seriously injured in a fatal motor accident along Ilesa/Akure road, on Monday.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident, which occurred at about 11.30a.m. close to a petrol station at Ipetu Ijesha in Osun State, involved one white Toyota Hiace bus with registration

number KPA 167 LG coming from Lagos State, driven by one Daniel Bassey (26) and a red *Ford Explorer Sport Utility* car with registration number AKD 48 AW, driven by one Boniface Epen.

Explorer reportedly lost control and ran into the oncoming bus, as a result of which the bus somersaulted and caught fire.

Six of the passengers, yet to be identified, were reportedly burnt beyond recognition, with 14 others rushed to one Joe Jay Hospital, Akure for

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medical attention.

The accident was said to have caused a gridlock along the highway as policemen, road safety officials and sympathisers made efforts to help rescue the injured persons.

When contacted, the Osun State Police Public Relations Officer, Folasade Odoro confirmed the story, saying that policemen and others were making efforts to clear the obstructions to make the road free while the affected vehicles would be taken to a nearby police station.

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