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## Four burnt to death in Lagos-Benin highway auto crash

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**N**O fewer than four people were burnt to death on Monday, while four others sustained inju-

ries in an accident in Omotosho town, on Lagos/Benin highway in Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State.

According to a source, the lone accident occurred on the popular Oluwa Bridge,

before Ore town, when the vehicle caught fire, killing four of the eight people on board.

He explained that the tyre of the **Toyota Hiace** bus with registration number

MNY 406 XA, with eight passengers suddenly burst on motion and caught fire after somersaulting.

He said four of the passengers sustained injuries but managed to escape from the vehicle while four others were burnt in the car.

It was gathered that the bus was coming from Lagos and heading towards Benin.

The source said: "One of its tyres burst, causing the vehicle to somersault several times before catching fire, burning four of the occupants to death."

Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in the state, Mr. Rotimi Adeleye, who confirmed the incident, said the vehicle's tyre got damaged before it somersaulted while on motion.

He said: "The accident was as a result of overspending; that is why we are appealing to the drivers to mind their speed while traveling."

"If the speed was not much, the impact of the accident would not have been much."

Adeleye added that the victims had been taken to a hospital in Ore while the remains of the dead victims had been deposited at the morgue.



The suspects arrested in Ondo State

## 2 Ekiti communities clash over bus stop Govt summons traditional rulers

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CRISIS has erupted between Igbeemo and Orun communities in Irepodun/Ifelodun Local Government Area of Ekiti State, with community sources saying it is a resurgence of an extant land dispute.

**Nigerian Tribune** gathered, on Monday, that the crisis started on Sunday evening when the two communities squared off over a newly-constructed bus stop in Orun-Ekiti.

The bus stop, sources said, had led to angry reactions among the people of Igbeemo, who claimed that the building was on their land.

Sources alleged that the Onigbemo of Igbeemo, Oba Adewumi Daramola, and his chiefs had licked against the construction of the bus stop

However, the deputy governor of the state, Chief Bisi Egbeyemi, who visited the communities on Monday, gave the Onigbemo of Igbeemo-Ekiti, Oba Daramola and the Olorun of Orun-Ekiti, Oba Joshua Osalusi, a strong warning against allowing a breakdown of law and order between the two neighbouring communities.

Egbeyemi, while addressing the traditional rulers in their palaces during the emergency visit, expressed displeasure over disruption of peace and the tension created by the burning down of the bus stop shed.

Egbeyemi said he had come to issue "yellow cards" to the two monarchs and their chiefs on the crisis, warning that further breakdown of law and

order in the two communities would compel the state government to give what he called "red card" to them.

The deputy governor, who emphasised that the state government would not tolerate bloodshed, violence, arson and acrimony among communities in the state, maintained that government would only be able to implement its good intention in an atmosphere where peace is sustained.

Egbeyemi said: "There were a lot of crises in these communities two days ago and if not curtailed, it could lead to loss of lives."

"I have been asked to give Olorun and Onigbemo yellow cards; and after this, if the crises persist, be expecting red cards."

## Police arrest suspected Boko Haram member, kidnapper in Ondo