

③ Two policemen, driver die in Edo auto crash

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THREE persons, including two policemen and the driver of a commercial bus were on Friday crushed to death by a truck on the Benin-Auchi expressway.

The deceased policemen were in the company of their colleagues numbering nine when the truck crushed them.

It was gathered that some policemen and personnel of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) later arrived at the scene and took the injured policemen to the hospital, while the remains of the deceased were taken to an undisclosed morgue.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the

state, Kontongs Bello, who confirmed the incident, explained that the articulated truck fell on the victims when the driver lost control of the vehicle.

He said the police were yet to ascertain the number plate of the truck.

Kontongs debunked the rumours doing the round that the

policemen were on illegal stop-and-search duty when the accident occurred.

He said: "Yes, that is true. Nine policemen and a civilian driver were involved in the accident last Friday.

"The policemen had stopped to greet somebody when a trailer that was passing by fell on them."