

Pregnant woman, eight others burnt to death in Kwara auto crash

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A pregnant woman and eight others were on Sunday morning reportedly burnt to death in an auto accident in Ilorin, the capital of Kwara State.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the accident which occurred at Ilorin International Airport road, along Ilorin-Ogbomoso expressway at about 8:00 am, involved a commercial passenger bus and a private vehicle.

One of the vehicles involved in the crash was said to have carried petrol-filled kegs.

Another vehicle involved is an ash-coloured Toyota

Corolla car, with vehicle registration number LRN 787 FE, whose driver had no national drivers licence, while the second one is white colour Toyota Hiace commercial bus, whose driver also had no national driver's licence.

A total number of 20 people, including eight males and 12 females, were said to have been involved in the crash, while one male and eight females were reported dead.

It was also gathered that eight male persons, however, survived in the accident with burns and multiple injuries.

Credible sources at the state command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) said that the La-

gos-bound passenger bus had loaded at the Gerin Alimi motor park, heading outwards the metropolis, when it rammed the private vehicle.

The private vehicle, said to be coming out of the airport, failed to wait for the oncoming passenger bus to pass, thus culminating in the crash, said to have been caused by over-speeding.

It was gathered that the vehicles involved somersaulted and had tyre burst before they burst into flames.

Speaking on the incident, the state sector commander of the FRSC, Jonathan Owoade, confirmed the development and described the crash as unfor-

tunate.

"A car coming out of the airport ran across the road, thinking it could have crossed the road before the bus gets to it. Incidentally, it was said that it was carrying fuel. I would surely get back to you with details, including registration numbers of the vehicles", he said.

Owoade also said that the injured persons had been taken to the state general hospital, Ilorin by passersby before his men arrived at the scene of the crash, adding that the deceased were taken to the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) mortuary, Oke Oyi by the FRSC rescue and patrol teams.