

# ① Seven burnt to death in Ogun lone accident ②

## Seven killed in Niger auto crash

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**S** EVEN female passengers were burnt to death on Wednesday in a lone accident that occurred before Odogbolu junction on the Sagamu-Benin expressway.

The occupants of the Mazda bus were reported to be travelling from Kosofe in Lagos State to Epe for a revival to usher in the New Year when the accident occurred at about 2:50p.m.

A statement made avail-

able to the *Nigerian Tribune* by the Public Relations Officer of the Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Babatunde Akinniyi, said the bus was reported to have caught fire due to over-floating of the engine.

Akinniyi said: "According to an eyewitness, the vehicle was coming from Kosofe area of Lagos inbound Epe for a church revival to usher in the New Year when its engine suddenly caught fire due to engine over-float.

"The number of passengers in the commercial bus

was 15, out of which seven females were burnt to death, while the remaining seven were seriously burnt and taken to Ijebu-Ode General Hospital for treatment.

"However, the driver of the bus escaped unhurt."

② In a related development, seven persons lost their lives while five others sustained injuries following an auto crash at Gunu village in Munya Local Government Area of Niger State on Tuesday night.

The sector commander of the FRSC in Niger State,

Mr Kumar Tsukwam, told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* in Minna on Wednesday that the accident involved a Toyota Camry and a Sharon commercial bus.

"Twelve persons were involved in the accident; seven of them died, while five others sustained injuries.

"We recovered the sum of N36,200, one bag of yam, Nikon camera, two chargers and a cord, wedding invitation cards, a flash drive, one phone battery, four keys, pictures and a small bag."