

Five die in Ondo mishap

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Five persons lost their lives in a fatal automobile accident which occurred along Akure-Ondo Road, Akure on Friday.

No fewer than 15 others were seriously injured in the same accident which involved a Suzuki car and an 18-seater Niger Delta Development Commission commuter bus. Our correspondent learnt that the accident occurred around 10am when the Suzuki car had a burst tyre.

Eyewitnesses said that the car, which was heading to Akure, had a burst tyre and rammed into the oncoming NDDC bus. It was gathered that one of the members of staff of a radio station in Akure was among those who died but it could not be confirmed as at press-time.

The injured victims were rescued by the prompt response of the officials of the

Federal Road Safety Commission from the state. The rescue operation was led by the sector commander of the FRSC, Mr. Ahmed Hassan. Axes, cutlasses and other instruments were used to cut the NDDC bus to rescue the injured passengers.

Hassan confirmed that three female and two male occupants of the Suzuki car died on the spot. Hassan added that the 15 victims suffered serious injuries. He stated that some of them had bone fractures.

He said that the corpses had been deposited at the mortuary while the injured were rushed to the State Specialist Hospital in Akure, the state capital. Hassan appealed to motorists to always ensure that their vehicles were in good shape before travelling.