

# 12 die in Edo governor's convoy

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**N**O fewer than 12 people were feared dead on Wednesday when some vehicles in the convoy of Edo State Governor, Prof. Oserheimen Osunbor, were involved in a multiple crash on the Abaji-Lokoja road.

The Public Education Officer of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Mr. Yakubu Attah, who confirmed the accident to our reporter in

Abuja, said it took place near Gegu, on the Abaji-Lokoja Road, in Abuja.

He said, "We can confirm that there was an accident involving the convoy of the governor along with three other vehicles, including a luxury bus, belonging to Ifesinachi Transport Company.

"So far, 12 people have been confirmed dead while those injured have been taken to the hospital.

"However, we understand that the governor himself was

not in the convoy when the accident took place.

"The convoy was an advance party for the governor's visit to the Federal Capital Territory on Thursday (today)."

Attah added that men of the FSRC had rescued those who were injured and taken them to the hospital.

"We have men of the commission on the ground to manage the situation, and I can assure you that we will bring everything under control," he said.

Investigations by our correspondent also revealed that two people in the governor's convoy were seriously injured.

A source at the site of the accident, however, said the accident was as a result of the reckless driving by the convoy.

Meanwhile, the Edo State Government has expressed its deep condolences to the families of the people that died in the accident.

Osunbor was already in Abuja at the time of the

accident, a Government House source told our correspondent.

The Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Mr. Dan Aigbavboa, also confirmed that the bus ran into the governor's convoy.

"Information reaching us indicates that some of the passengers in the bus died in the accident while the driver of the Edo State Government vehicle sustained injuries.

"Let it be known that the governor was not on the convoy at the time of the accident. Government sympathises with the families of those who lost their lives," Aigbavboa said.

Wednesday's was the second time in three months that the convoy of the Edo State Government House would be involved in road accident on its way to Abuja.

The first one was in June when the convoy of the Deputy Governor, Mr. Lucky Imasuen, was involved in an accident that led to the death of a government driver and a policeman.