

Mother, three kids die in Edo accident

A woman and her three children were among ten people that died in a road accident that occurred on Friday near the Ikpoba River along the Benin bypass.

The woman and her children were travelling from Okposi, Ebonyi State to Lagos when the accident occurred. Ten other people were seriously injured in the accident.

The Benin Toll Gate Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission,

Emmanuel Obe, Benin

Mr. Chukwuma Uzor, who led rescue operation at the scene of the accident, said a kerosene tanker whose brakes failed had run into a Toyota Hiace bus carrying the passengers at the slope. He said the tanker pushed the bus and its occupants into a 30-metre ditch by the road, killing eight passengers in the bus. He said the driver of the tanker also died in the incident while two others died later at the University of

Benin Teaching Hospital.

Uzor said an accident had occurred near the spot 30 minutes earlier, where a 911 truck pushed a Toyota Hiace bus into the ditch. But no life was lost in that accident.

It was indeed the first accident that caused the traffic jam on the slope when the descending kerosene tanker ran into the Toyota bus. The FRSC commander lamented the slow pace of work on the other lane of the dual-carriageway by RCC, which had been at the spot in the last three months.

He appealed to the Federal Ministry of Transportation and the Edo State Government to bring pressure to bear on the contractor handling the repair of the failed section of the road to expedite action on the rehabilitation of the road.

raws suit against journalist

Chukwudi Akasike, Uyo

Speaking during an interactive session with newsmen on Thursday, the state's Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Victor Iyanam,

steps.

He pointed out that his meeting with newsmen was a fence-mending mission. Iyanam said, "What happened in the past few days was a demonstration of the human side of