

14 die in tanker inferno in Benin

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FOURTEEN passengers, including the driver of a Toyota Hiace bus with registration number XD474JJ, were burnt to death in a tanker inferno at Gonoba Village on Benin-Agbor Road on Sunday night.

The bus was said to have been heading towards Onitsha from Lagos when the accident occurred.

The Zonal Commander of the Federal Roads Safety Commission in Benin, Alhaji Zakari Ndah, who confirmed the accident to our correspondent on Monday, attributed the accident to the recklessness of the driver of the bus.

He said that the driver had ignored the entreaties of other road users who alerted him of a burning tanker ahead and ran into it.

According to Ndah, the men of the FRSC were able to recover two of the corpses while the 12 other passengers were burnt beyond recognition.