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Lagos-Benin road: Nine die in two auto accidents

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About nine persons were feared killed in two accidents which occurred on the Lagos-Benin Road on Sunday night and at the Irua-Benin route on Saturday evening.

It was learnt that the Sunday accident, which occurred near the bridge at the Ovia River involved a white Toyota Hummer bus with registration number XL122 Bn, a Mercedez Benz with registration number XP 357 ENU, and a 1924 lorry.

According to an eye witmess account, apart from the people died in the accident comprising four men and a woman, eight other persons sustained severe injuries and were rushed to the hospital by the men of the Edo State Command of the Federal Road Safety Commission.

The Zonal Commander of the FRSC in Benin, Mr. Zakari Ndah, who confirmed the accidents on the telephone to our correspoindent said that the injured victims were taken to the University of Benin Teaching Hospital for medical attention.

He attributed the cause of the accient to route violation and driving against traffic on the part of the driver of the Mercedez Benz.

Prior to the accident at the Lagos-Benin Road, four travellers died in an accident that occurred on the Irua-Benin Road by Urukuosa, which involved a Nissan Sunny CM 808 BN and a

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Ndah said that a police team that arrived the scene of the accident moved the injured to the hospital and took the corpses of four people who were killed to the mortuary.

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