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Tears as accident claims 14 in Edo

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Not less than 14 persons were killed in an accident which occurred between Auchi and Ewu along the Benin-Auchi Road in the early hours of Saturday.

Our correspondent gathered that 13 females and a male were killed in the accident while three others sustained various degrees of injuries and were rushed to the General Hospital at Auchi for treatment.

Specifically, the three survivors were said to have been rushed to Faith Foundation Hospital by Jattu Junction, Auchi, for medical attention.

According to an eye-witness the deceased women were travelling from the Igarra headquarters of the Akoko Edo Local Area of Edo State to Onitsha when the 18-seater vehicle in which they were travelling sommersaulted at a bridge by the River Edihor, killing 13 of them and an unknown male passenger.

It was gathered that the driver of the bus, with number plate XB 551 AUC was overtaking a Peugoet J5 with number plate XQ 464 SMK when the vehicle skidded off the road and sommersaulted several times.

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