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## 18 burnt to death on Benin-Ore Expressway

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At least 18 persons were on Thursday burnt to death along the Benin-Ore Expressway in a collision between an 18-seater bus heading from Lagos to the South-East and a truck.

The accident was said to have occurred near Okada in Ovia North-East Local Government Area of Edo State when the truck veered off its course, while trying to avoid potholes, and rammed into the bus. The passenger vehicle immediately burst into flames.

A witness told THE PUNCH that some people nearby rushed to the scene but could not rescue any of the passengers "as the bus was on fire with the occupants. There was no help in sight and there was nobody to help. There was nothing we could do."

A senior official of the Federal Road Safety Corps at the old Benin Toll-Gate confirmed the incident. When our correspondent contacted the FRSC's spokesman in the state, Mr. Olu Olumotomi, he said he was still expecting details of the accident.

### Comments :

- MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE SOULS OF THOSE WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IT IS TO PUT OUR INFRASTRUCTURES IN PLACE (AND YET DENY US) NEVER SEE PEACE UNTIL THEY DO THE RIGHT THINGS!

Posted by: CONCERNED NIGERIAN. , on Friday, January 21, 2011

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- well, it quite unfortunate that things like this hardly happens to our leaders. because, they always travel by air. i want to use this medium to call on all Nigerians to go out enmass and register in the on going voters registration, so that, we can vote for leaders who will provide our basic needs including good Roads. i pray the Good Lord to grant all d Victims eternal Rest in His Bosom, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Posted by: okhakume anselm i. , on Friday, January 21, 2011

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- This is so sad especially when help could not be rendered because of the ferocity and intensity of the fire. this would make serious meaning if only we can pulse awhile and know that it could have been anybody. Outcome of being lackluster in government.

Posted by: Madu Ejike , on Friday, January 21, 2011

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