Woman burnt to death, three injured in Ogun accident

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middle-aged woman was on Tuesday burnt to death in a vehicle, which went up in flames on the Sagamu end of the Sagamu-Benin Expressway, Ogun State.

A driver and three female passengers were said to be in the sky-blue Datsun Wagon, heading towards the Sagamu Interchange, when it suddenly burst into flames, PUNCH

It was gathered that the driver and two passengers escaped from the car but luck ran out on the third woman as she was trapped in the car and was burnt beyond recognition.

The victim's identity could not be ascertained as at the time this report was filed.

A woman, who claimed to be the victim's relative, was in tears at the accident scene. The woman, who refused to disclose either her name or that of the victim, said the deceased

had three children.

An eyewitness, Mr. Ukpeojor Ojonile, who gave an account of the incident, told our correspondent that while the driver and two women ran out of the car when the fire broke out, the third woman was not that fortunate as thick smoke from the fire enveloped the air and blurred her vision.

He said, "I was on my way from Port Harcourt heading to Lagos. I met the burning vehicle immediately after Sagamu Bus Stop. I parked to see if I could render some help. I saw a woman waving left and right in the vehicle, calling for help. I quickly ran back to pick up a one-kilogramme fire extinguisher in my vehicle to put out the fire.

"Unfortunately, the woman died as the gas was quickly exhausted and the fire was too much for anyone to move close to. In fact, the woman was burnt into ashes."

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Muyiwa Adejobi, in a short text message simply said, "I am not aware of that please."

