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A nine-year-old baby were among 13 persons killed in auto crashes in Kwara and Edo states during the week.

Our correspondent learnt that the accident in Ilorin, which claimed lives, including the nine-year-old baby, occurred on Tuesday night after a tipper crashed into shops along the Agba Dam Road.

The accident also left several persons injured and property worth millions destroyed.

According to eyewitnesses, among those killed are tailors, welders, engine oil traders and workers at the shops.

Sources said the tipper driver, who was carrying concrete blocks lost control following a break failure.

Three of the passengers in the tipper were said to have died instantly while five persons at the affected shops were killed.

The source said the mother of the nine-month-old baby, an apprentice tailor in one of the affected shops, escaped death by a whisker.

It was learnt that except for the intervention of the police, the driver of the tipper would have been lynched by the irate mob.

Meanwhile, Five persons died in the accident which occurred along the Benin-Auchi Road, Edo State also on Tuesday.

The accident involving a 16-seater commuter bus belonging to Big Joe Motors and an articulated vehicle occurred around the Okuo Oil Palm Estate along the Benin-Auchi Road.

The bus, who was said to be heading for one of the northern states collided with the articulated vehicle, while overtaking another vehicle.

The bodies of the dead passengers have been deposited at the morgue of Our Hospital, in Ikpoba Hill, Benin, while the injured ones are receiving treatment at various hospitals in the Edo State capital.

The Federal Road Safety Corps Commander, Benin Zone, Mr. Yakubu Attah, confirmed the death of five persons in the Edo accident.

Also, the Police Public Relations Officer, Kwara State Command, Mr. Ezekiel Dabo, confirmed the accident that claimed eight lives in Ilorin on Tuesday night.

He, however, said three people died while some injured victims were rushed to a hospital for treatment.

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