

18 die in Edo crash

EIGHTEEN persons were reportedly killed in a multiple vehicle accident that occurred on the Benin-Ore Expressway on Thursday morning.

An eyewitness said the vehicles involved in the accident included a truck carrying beverage drinks, another one laden with sand, and a fully loaded 18-seater commercial bus.

The eyewitness said the beverage truck driver lost control of the vehicle before it veered off its lane, hitting the sand truck.

The bus, which was at top speed behind the sand truck, ran into the trucks.

Fifteen of the passengers in the bus and three persons in the sand truck reportedly died from the accident; while three others sustained various degrees of injury.

Many of the victims reportedly died on their way to the hospital.

The Public Relations Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps, John Aniedi, however, said six persons died in the accident while others, severely injured, were taken to the commission's clinic, at Oregbeni Quarters in Ikpoba Hill, Benin City, for treatment.

Aniedi, however, said he had yet to get an update on the casualty figure.

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