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Three persons died on Wednesday in a multiple road accident at Iwu junction, after Ekiadolo, in Ovia North East Local Government Area, Edo State.

The accident, which occurred around 9am, according to a source, involved a back Toyota Landcruiser Sports Utility Van, marked, KTU 835 BT; an ash-colour Volkswagen Golf car, with number plates, SMK 404 BZ – both coming from the Lagos end of the road – and a Toyota Vannet bus, painted in the yellow and red Edo State commercial vehicle colour, with number plate, USL 324 SD.

It was learnt that the victims were passengers in the commercial vehicle, which according to an eyewitness, was driving against the traffic.

An employee of the Edo State Traffic Management Authority told our correspondent that the SUV, while trying to overtake the Volkswagen car, had a head-on-collision with the on-coming commercial vehicle.

Confirming the accident, the Unit Commander, Federal Roads Safety Corps, Benin Toll gate, Mr. Ameen Adewale, said only two deaths were recorded.

He further confirmed the death of a state official, "because he was in uniform."

He explained that a total of 11 persons were involved in the accident, while four others were injured.

He said, "Two people died in the accident, but we can only identify one of them (as an Edo official), because he was in uniform. Three vehicles were involved but I cannot say much about their condition.

"The total number of people involved was 11; injured four male adults, two male adults killed. The remaining people were not injured."

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