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No fewer than 14 persons lost their lives on Thursday in a fatal motor accident on the Benin-Okene Highway, by Ewu Slope, in the Esan Central Local Government Area of Edo State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the accident occurred when a 15-seater Toyota Hiace bus, belonging to the Edo City Transport Service, was rammed by an articulated vehicle against another truck following a brake failure.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that the bus overtook the truck, leaving the bus between two trucks.

Unknown to the driver, the truck he overtook had brake failure.

The eyewitness said, "About 14 occupants of the bus, including the driver, were crushed to death as the truck smashed the bus against the other truck."

It was learnt that the corpses of the dead victims had been deposited in the morgue of the Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital, while the injured victims were said to be receiving treatment at the same hospital.

Men of the Federal Road Safety Corps were seen making efforts to address the traffic congestion occasioned by the accident as of the time of filing in the report.

Chairman of the Nigerian Red Cross Society in Edo Central, Mike Odiahi, lamented the frequent accident at the spot. He advised motorists against careless overtaking and urged them to always obey rules and regulations guiding driving.

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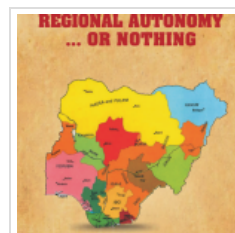
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