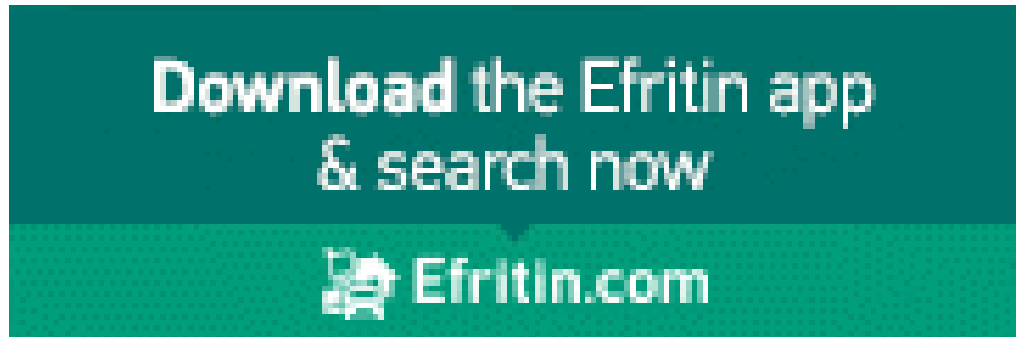


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## Nine perish in Benin-Asaba road crash

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At least nine passengers, including the driver of an 18-seater bus, were on Sunday killed along Benin-Asaba Expressway in a road accident. The crash also killed a nursing mother but spared her baby. It occurred near Onicha-Ugbo town in Delta State.

While some others were said to have sustained varying degrees of injuries, it was gathered that two corps members in the bus, who had just been discharged from the National Youth Service Corps, survived with no injuries.

An eyewitness said the vehicle labelled Akwa Ibom Transport Company had a burst tyre while the vehicle was on speed, causing it to somersault a number of times before veering into the bush.

It was also gathered that the bus, driven by one Udoh Edom, was travelling from Akwa-Ibom to Lagos.

Some residents near the scene of the accident said it was the second time such a ghastly accident would happen on the same spot in recent time.

They described the accident as pathetic and mysterious, saying the gods within the area might be angry.

One of the survivors of the accident, a corps member who had just being discharged from NYSC, Udoh Edom, told our correspondent that the driver of the vehicle before the accident refused to listen to passengers' warning to reduce his speed.

He said, "We, I mean the two of us corps members, survived by the grace of God. The driver did not listen to the passengers when we observed he was on a high speed and in a twinkling of an eye, just as the passengers were still cautioning him, we heard a loud sound from a burst tyre. That was all we knew about this world. But God ensured our survival."

Some officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps and some police officers were seen evacuating the corpses of those who died while those who sustained injuries were rushed to the Isele-Uku General Hospital for treatment.

An official of the FRSC, who did not want his name in print, confirmed that the accident was caused by speed

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and a burst tyre.

He warned motorists against high speed, especially during the 'ember' months.

One of the accident victims, whose name could not be ascertained, a fair complexioned nursing mother was found dead among the nine persons but her baby sustained severe injuries and was rushed to the hospital by officials of the FRSC.

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