

# Four burnt to death in Ondo road accident

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No fewer than four people were burnt to death while several others sustained injuries in a road accident which occurred on Thursday along Owo-Benin Expressway, at Oyoyo Camp, Ipele in Owo Local Government Area of Ondo State.

According to an eyewitness, the crash which occurred around 1:00 p.m., involved a Toyota bus, carrying 18 passengers, with registration number, MKD 341 XA and a Peugeot J5 bus with number BDG 330 AP.

It was gathered that the 18-passenger bus was heading towards Makurdi, Benue State while the Peugeot bus was said to be coming from Benin, Edo State and moving towards Akure, Ondo State capital.

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The eyewitness said “The two buses collided with each other and immediately caught fire. While other victims escaped being burnt, the four unlucky ones got burnt beyond recognition”

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Femi Joseph, said the victims had been taken to the Federal Medical Centre, Owo while the deceased were deposited at the morgue of the hospital.

“It was a case of a head-on collision between the two vehicles involved in the accident. We could not get the names and addresses of the drivers of the two vehicles.” Joseph stated.

Also confirming accident, the Head of Operations of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Ondo State Sector Command, Mr Olusegun Ogungbemide said immediately the accident occurred, men of the corps moved to the scene of the crash where they took the victims to the hospital.

He said the cause of the accident was the violation of the speed limit on the part of the vehicles involved in the accident.

“Four people were burnt to death while 14 were injured and have been taken to the hospital,” Ogungbemide said