

# Five die in Edo road crash

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No fewer than five villagers of Udeni community in the Uhunmwode Local Government Area of Edo State died on Saturday in a road accident at Egba junction on Benin-Auchi Expressway.

The victims were said to be returning to the community after attending a funeral ceremony of an in-law to one of the community leaders in Benin City.

An eyewitness account said four of the occupants were burnt to death while another victim simply identified as Jerry died at a hospital on Sunday.

A survivor of the crash, identified as Best, said, “We were heading home along Egba junction when one saloon car crossed the path of our 18-seater Toyota Hiace bus.

“In an attempt to avoid hitting the vehicle, our driver lost control and hit a median and in the process, our bus fell and burst into flame. “

Other victims with various degrees of injuries are said to be receiving treatment at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital.

The Sector Commander of Edo State Federal Road Safety Corps, Henry Benamaisia, confirmed the accident.

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