

said, I saw them. They just shot the two vehicle and shot the victims, who were walking removed from the scene and deposited in a mortuary.

9 Nine killed as Edo sand-laden truck rams into passenger buses

Adeyinka Adedipe, Benin

RESIDENTS of Sokponba Road, Benin City, Edo State, were thrown into mourning on Tuesday as an early morning accident reportedly claimed the lives of nine persons.

PUNCH Metro gathered from a source that the accident occurred at Ogbelaka Junction, where a tipper, loaded with sand, collided with two buses conveying passengers.

The source stated that the casualties would have been more if the Bureau de Change operators by Erie Junction did not run for safety when vehicles that were trying to avoid the scene tried to crush them.

According to eyewitnesses, the tipper involved in the accident was trying to overtake another tipper, but lost control and collided with the two minibuses, killing the commuters on the spot.

The accident caused a traffic jam, as the exit routes to Asoro Street, Eri and Ogbelaka were blocked, leaving commuters to trek long distances to their destinations.

While witnesses claimed to

have counted nine corpses at the scene, the Edo State Police Public Relations Officer, Bello Kontongs, said four persons died in the accident.

He said, "It involved a truck coming from Upper Sakponba that lost control and ran into a white bus, killing three people on the spot, while one died on the way to the hospital. The injured victims have been rushed to a hospital for treatment."



Scene of the accident

Borno spiritualist, accomplice arrested for defrauding wealthy seeking man of N16m

Dogara Bitrus, Maiduguri

OPERATIVES of the Maiduguri Zonal Command of the

Economic and Financial Crimes Commission have arrested a self-acclaimed spiritualist, Mohammed Ibrahim, and his

accomplice, Ibrahim Abuba for allegedly defrauding Mohammed Gaji of the sum N16m.

Mohammed and Abuba were said to have defrauded under the guise of conducting