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No fewer than six persons lost their lives and several others seriously injured in a ghastly motor accident that occurred yesterday morning in Warri, Delta State.

Daily Sun gathered that the incident had been described as the worst in recent times since the January auto crash in which 16 persons were burnt to death in a Delta State-owned shuttle bus along the Petroleum Training Institute (PTI) Road in Effurun.

Checks by Daily Sun revealed that the occupants of the car, who were mainly youths, it was suspected, were coming from a night outing when the incident happened.

It was also gathered that the vehicle was coming from the Okuokoko axis, approaching the popular Delta Steel Company (DSC) Road, when the driver suddenly made a U-turn to go to the other side of the road an action that led an on-coming vehicle crashed into the car.

Daily Sun further gathered that in the process, the car broke into two due to the intensity of the impact of the crash.

Consequently, there was a gridlock on the road as rescuers had to use axes and iron rods on the accidented car to remove the mangled bodies of the occupants.

Besides, several vehicles were destroyed in the process by an angry mob which also capitalised on the confusion to rob people at gunpoint.

However, efforts were made by sympathisers to rush the victims to a nearby hospital while some had already died before the rescue operation began.

In a related development, four persons died in another auto crash along the ever-busy NPA Expressway

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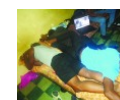
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Sources told Daily Sun that the victims, three female and a male, were returning from a church service when the incident happened.

It was gathered that the female driver was avoiding an on-coming trailer, which was on high speed and suddenly hit a thick rail, making the car to go up in flame instantly.

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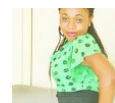
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