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One passenger was confirmed dead while 17 others were injured on Thursday night when a commercial bus plying the Benin-Asaba-Onitsha Expressway, plunged into a bush at Issele-Uku in Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State. The bus, the Saturday Telegraph gathered, was coming from Akwa-Ibom State and going to Akure, the Ondo State capital when the accident happened.

The driver of the vehicle allegedly lost control of the vehicle when he was on top speed, after one of his tyres burst about 8pm and somersaulted several times before killing one of the passengers on the spot. An eyewitness said, "The bus tumbled three times before crashing into the deep forest along the Expressway."

The source said the incident caused traffic jam on the ever-busy Expressway as commuters in other vehicles alighted to rescue passengers that were trapped in the smashed bus. He said, "Some of the passengers were battling between life and death, as some were in their pool of blood, as at the time I left the scene."

According to the source, officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) at Issele-Uku Division immediately got wind of the occurrence and dashed to the scene. He said they were still carrying out their rescuing mission when he left the scene. The Commander of the FRSC at the unit, Patrick Ikaba, confirmed that one passenger died on the spot.

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