20 die in Edo auto crash

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A fatal auto crash has claimed more than 20 passengers along the dual carriage Onitsha-Agbor-Abudu-Benin Expressway in Edo State.

The incident reportedly occurred between Ugoneki and Evbuobanosa, near Abudu, headquarters of Orhiomwon council.

Daily Sun gathered that about 90 percent

of the passengers on board a commercial bus heading from Onitsha to Benin died in the accident involving a heavy duty truck.

A witness said the accident involved a truck with registration number FST 280 XR and an 18-seater Toyota bus with registration number MKD 492 XB.

The bus loaded with passengers had inscription of NNTCL 670 at its back.

As at the time of this

report, details of the exact cause of the auto crash were sketchy but a team of Abudu unit of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), who were alerted by villagers mobilised to the scene of the accident for rescue operation.

FRSC Sector Commander, Mr. Samuel Odukoya, when contacted last night, confirmed the incident, but disclosed that Abudu unit team of the command was deployed to

the area for rescue operation.

Odukoya stated that four of the victims involved in the carnage were taken to a nearby hospital and they later died.

He added that further details of actual number of persons involved in the road accident would be made know after personnel of the unit command must have evacuated all those involved incident.