

12 die in 2 auto crashes

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TWELVE persons yesterday, died in two separate accidents on the Akure/Benin road in Ondo and Edo states.

In one accident that occurred at Ogbese, near Akure, the Ondo State capital, *Daily Sun* gathered that it consisted of two vehicles and a tractor, and eight persons died.

Although the number plates of the vehicles could not be seen due to the severity of the accident, it was learnt that one of the vehicles, a Toyota Hiace bus, was travelling from Abuja to Lagos and colluded with a tractor after which it rammed into a lorry.

A source at the scene of the accident told our correspondent that eight other persons sustained serious injuries in the auto crash.

The accident, according to the source, cause traffic gridlock on the busy road as the vehicles were not evacuated from the road for several hours after the accident.

The sector commander of the Federal Roads Safety Corps (FRSC) in the state could not be reached for comment as at press time.

In another development, the accident claimed the