

Five die in auto crash on Benin-Auchi Expressway

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Five people from Udeni community in Uhunmwode Local Government Area of Edo State lost their lives in a motor accident on the Benin-Auchi Expressway.

The accident occurred at Egba junction about 7:30p.m. on Saturday.

The victims were returning to the community after attending a funeral ceremony of an in-law to one of the community leaders in Benin.

It was learnt that four of the occupants were burnt to death while another victim identified simply as Jerry died at an undisclosed hospital on Sunday.

A survivor of the crash, who gave his name as Best, said they were heading home when a car crossed the path of the 18-seater Toyota Hiace bus they were travelling in.

He said: “In an attempt to avoid hitting the vehicle, our driver lost control and hit the pavement divider on the road. Our bus fell and burst into flames.”

Other victims with varying degrees of injury are said to be receiving medical attention at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH).

The state Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Henry Benamaisia, confirmed the incident.

Benamaisia said the command recorded three deaths while others were rushed to the hospital.

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