Six burnt to death in Ondo auto crash

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people were burnt to death at Ode Aye junction in Okitipupa Local Government Area of Ondo State on Friday, in an accident involving a coaster bus and a J5 bus laden with Ethanol collided.

The accident occurred after one of the vehicles was trying to overtake another vehicle which led to the head on collision and instantly caught fire.

It was gathered that the passengers in coastal bus belonging to Akure North Local Government Area were on their way to Okitipupa to attend a social function of one of the directors of the Odigbo Local Government Area of the State.

According to a source, the two vehicles collided after one of them wrongly overtook another car at a dangerous corner, close to Oluwa River and the two vehicles caught fire.

He said the six people were burnt beyond recognition while some other victims were rushed to Pima Hospital in Ore, Odigbo Local Government where they have been receiving treatment.

He said the residents of the community tried to put off the fire but the ethanol loaded in the J5 vehicle aided the fire that burnt the vehicles.

The source added that all attempts to call the operatives of the state road safety agency were not successful but said the remains of the victims had been deposited in a hospital in Ore.