

Auto crash claims eight lives in Ondo

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Eight people have lost their lives in an auto crash that occurred on Saturday along the busy Ondo-Ore highway.

A commercial space bus and a truck were involved in the collision which occurred at the Ajue axis of the route in the Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State.

Eyewitnesses said that the commercial space bus traveling from the Akure end of the route collided head-on with the truck headed for Ore that was hauling a full load of cows.

According to reports, the truck driver allegedly drove into the bus traveling in the opposite direction while attempting to avoid a pothole on the road.

Seven cows were also said to have died in the accident. It took the efforts of other

motorists and residents around the area to remove the bodies of the victims from the accident scene.

Residents attributed the high rate of accidents in the area to the deplorable condition of roads in the area.

However, when contacted, SP Funmilayo Odunlami, the state's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), disclosed that two people died in the accident while five others were injured.

The remains of the de-

ceased victims were evacuated to the morgue, according to Odunlami, who also stated that four cows died in the crash, while those that had injuries were taken to an undisclosed hospital for treatment.

Odunlami said: "Two people died and five people were injured in the accident. Also about four cows died in the accident.

"The people that were injured are already receiving treatment in the hospital."