

# Seven women burnt to death, 7 others injured in Sagamu-Benin Expressway accident

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**S**even women were yesterday burnt to death, while seven others sustained varying degrees of injuries in a lone accident on the Sagamu-Benin Expressway.

The accident which occurred at Odogbolu junction of the expressway involved a Mazda bus with registration number AGL 886 YD.

Our correspondent gathered that, the accident occurred when a 15-passenger bus suddenly burst into flames due to engine oil overflow along the highway.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Babatunde Akinbiyi confirmed the accident to journalists in Abeokuta.

Akinbiyi disclosed that, the incident occurred yesterday at 2:50pm.

According to him, the victims were worshippers who were coming from Kosofe area of Lagos

State inbound Epe, for a church revival to user in the new year.

Akinbiyi said, 15 people, comprising of one male adult and 14 female, adding that, the driver of the bus escaped unhurt.

"According to eyewitness account, the bus burst into flames suddenly due to engine oil overflow.

"The number of passengers in the commercial bus was 15, out of which seven females were burnt to death, while the remaining seven were seriously burnt and taken to Ijebu-Ode General Hospital for treatment.

"The accidented Mazda bus has been taken to Odogbolu Motor Traffic Division," Akinbiyi said.

Akinbiyi said, the TRACE commiserates with the families of the deceased and also wishes the injured speedy recovery.

He however urged motorists to maintain and service their vehicles regularly in addition to carrying out daily routine check on the vehicle correct any anomaly before setting out on a journey.