

One dead, many injured as tree falls on mini bus in Calabar

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One person has reportedly died after a tree planted by the past administration more than 20 years ago fell on a mini bus in Calabar, Cross River State.

Our correspondent learnt that the accident, which occurred yesterday morning at Murtala Mohammed Highway in front of the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB), office in Calabar Municipality, claimed the life of a male passenger, while many others got various degrees of injuries.

An eyewitness who simply gave his name as Edet

said: "The vehicle was coming from 8 miles towards Calabar-Calabar when the tree, planted for shade and beautification fell on it.

"The minibus was filled with passengers. The tree got torn from the root and fell on the vehicle. I fear for the driver and the passengers," Edet said.

He added: "These trees are old, they should be replaced. It's becoming too much of this kind of incident in the metropolis."

A Vehicle Inspection Officer (VIO) at the scene confirmed that one person died on the spot, but explained that efforts were made to rush the rest of the passengers to the hospital.