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Asaba — Victims of the motor accident that claimed no less than 70 lives at Uromi Junction along Benin-Asaba Expressway, Agbor, in Ika South Local government Area of Delta State were yesterday given a mass burial.

It will be recalled that a number of vehicles, including a Lagos-bound luxury bus, two oil tankers and four saloon cars, as well as four motorcycles, popularly called Okada were on Tuesday, involved in a multiple accident that claimed about 70 lives.

THISDAY reliably gathered that following the inability of the management of Agbor General Hospital to accommodate the burnt bodies of those that died in the mortuary, the charred remains of others that were taken from the accident scene were giving a mass burial at the Agbor community cemetery.

THISDAY gathered that as early as 8.30am yesterday, sanitary workers of the Ika South Local Government Area were sited at the hospital carrying the corpses into a waiting Hilux Toyota pickup van and were later taken to the cemetery for mass burial.

This was because some of the victims were burnt beyond recognition in the accident.

However, Delta State Governor, Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan, Speaker, Delta State House of Assembly, Hon. Martin Okonta, and some other top government functionaries visited the hospital yesterday to condole the survivors of the accident.

Uduaghan directed that survivors should be giving adequate medical care and ordered that the wreckage should be cleared from the road to avoid further disaster

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