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## Nigeria: Another Road Accident Claims 11 Lives

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Two separate accidents were reported to have occurred at the weekend along the Benin-Ore-Sagamu expressway, claiming 11 lives.

This came barely 72 hours after four lecturers of the Igbiniedion University, Okada, lost their lives in an accident when their car plunged into Ovia River, near Benin City.

The first accident according to an eyewitness, which involved a Delta Line bus occurred on Saturday around the Ore axis of the road, killing eight persons on the spot.

While the second accident involving a bus operated by a Benin-based transport company, Edegbe Line, occurred on Sunday evening at the Benin axis, claiming three lives.

According to the driver of the Edegbe Line bus whose name could not be ascertained as at press time, the driver of the other vehicle lost control, leading to a head-on collision.

Causalities in the two accidents have been deposited at undisclosed hospitals, while the survivors who sustained various degrees of injuries were taken to the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) for medical attention.

However, it was gathered that the survivors who were evacuated to the UBTH were however kept on bare floor of the Accident and Emergency Unit as the bed space were already filled to capacity.

Commenting on the two accidents, the National Coordinator of the Save Accident Victims of Nigeria (SAVAN), Dr. Eddy Ehikhamenor, decried the frequency of accidents on the Benin-Ore-Lagos Road.

He called on drivers plying the road to exercise caution while driving, just as he reminded them that the roads are always very busy during the ember months.

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