

# 3 children of same parents, 7 others perish

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→ **A**SABA — NO fewer than 10 persons lost their lives yesterday on Benin-Asaba highway including three children of the same parents who were being conveyed in their father's car from Asaba to Lagos for the coming Sallah celebration.

→ Six other persons also lost their lives two days ago in two separate accidents almost on the same spot.

The accident that claimed the lives of the three siblings occurred at a slope between Okpanam and Issele-Azagba town on the highway yesterday.

Our reporter gathered that an Asaba-based businessman whose identity was simply given as Rashidi sent out his family on the journey from Asaba in one of his cars, a peugeot 505 saloon car with registration number Lagos AE 235

AAA.

But on approaching Issele-Azagba from Asaba, the car had burst tyre which forced the car to sommersault and eventually caught fire.

Out of the total number of six members of the family in the car, three children of the man (Rashidi) including his mother in law were roasted to death while his (Rashidi) wife and his younger brother, who was driving the car are presently hospitalized at Maduemezia Memorial Hospital Asaba.

Confirming the incident, the state Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) Mr. Sunday Maku who said he was personally at the scene said "the four of them were trapped and burnt as a result of burst rear tyre of the car. It was a lone accident. We have been recording lone accidents of late."