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## Six perish in road mishap in Ondo

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SIX persons yesterday perished while twelve others sustained serious injuries in an auto crash along Ondo-Akure expressway in Ondo State. Vanguard gathered that the crash involved a Niger Delta Development Commission NDDC commercial bus and a private vehicle

Eyewitness account said that all the occupants of the car died instantly while the twelve passengers in the commercial bus sustained injuries. It was gathered that the car had a burst tyre while on high speed and rammed into an oncoming bus.

Vanguard learnt that the Suzuki car with registration number Lagos EP 352 EKY had a burst tyre and rammed into a NDDC 18-passenger bus with registration number XQ 522 PH which was coming from Akure. All the passengers who boarded the eighteen-passenger bus were said to have sustained serious injuries.

Timely intervention of the officials of the State Federal Road Safety Commission saved those that were injured

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in the commercial bus as they were rushed to the state General hospital for medical attention.

Speaking with Saturday Vanguard late yesterday, the State Sector commander of the FRSC Mallam Ahmed Hassan said he led other officials of the command to rescue the victims after a distress call was made to the commission by sympathisers.

According to him it took the use of cutlasses and axes to rescue the trapped passengers in the bus.

Mallam Hassan added that other passers-by assisted in the rescue mission just as some good Samaritans also thronged the scene of the accident.

The FRSC boss advised the motorists to always buy genuine spare parts and tyres for their vehicles.

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