

Bride, 6 family members killed after wedding

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TRAGEDY struck yesterday evening on Asaba-Benin highway when a commercial bus conveying family members back from a traditional wedding ceremony was involved in an accident, killing the bride, six family members on the spot and wounding several others including the mother of the groom and the groom himself. As at the time of this report, the name of the bride whose head was reportedly cut off by the impact of the crash could not be ascertained but the family members were strongly believed to hail from Agbor.

The tragic incident occurred near SIO Industries Asaba on the Asaba-Benin highway.

Corpses of the bride and others killed have been deposited at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Asaba while injured persons are receiving treatment there. Our reporter gathered that the family members were returning from Nsugbe in Anambra State after the traditional wedding when they met their untimely death.

Eyewitness told Sunday VANGUARD that the 18-seater bus with registration number XA 254 CUE was returning to Agbor the base of the victims when it collided with another 18-seater bus with registration number XI, 185 KSE travelling from Lagos to the east.

"As soon as the accident happened the Agbor-bound bus somersaulted killing the bride, and many others. The bus from Lagos was avoiding colliding with a trailer and as a result left its lane."