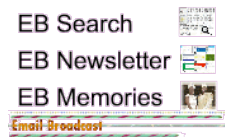


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Accident: 40 burnt to death, several others injured on Lagos/Ibadan Expressway

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ABEOKUTA—NO fewer than 40 persons were burnt to death while several others were badly injured in a multiple accident Sunday night along the Lagos/Ibadan expressway.

The accident said to have occurred at about 11pm involved about seven vehicles including a petrol tanker, four buses and two cars.

Security aides of the Minister for Mines and Steel Development, Alhaji Sarafadeen Tunji Ishola who were said to have been returning from a trip to Lagos were said to have also been involved in the accident.

Trouble was said to have started when the tanker loaded with petrol was said to have climbed a culvert near the Sagamu intersection and in the process fell and spilled the petrol on the road.

One of the buses, an 18 seater was said to have rammed into it, igniting fire in the process while all those on board the bus were immediately burnt to death.

Some other vehicles including cars were said to have been unable to stop thus ramming into the burning vehicles while some who were able to stop still had their vehicles and themselves consumed in the fire as the fire kept spreading.

Some were said to have abandoned their vehicles on the road to flee into the bush only for the quick spreading flame to catch up with them.

The Minister's aides were said to be coming from Lagos where they had gone to drop him at the airport when they ran into the accident. Some of them were said to have been injured and rushed to the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH) in Sagamu where they were said to be receiving treatment.

Ogun State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Joseph Apapa told newsmen that about 30 persons died while four others were injured.

Mr. Apapa said some people who ran into the bush were also consumed.

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Written by otuocha, on 30-10-2007 03:19
Shame on us all!

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Written by eddy, on 30-10-2007 03:42

How i wish OBJ or any of his relatives was involved in the accident so that he can feel the shame of his 8 years misrule. Isn't it a shame that a so-called Yoruba man should rule for 8 years and not put all the South Western Nigerian roads in shape. Shame on OBJ and all selfish leaders like him. May God visit the sins of all those who have been dying on that roads and others he neglected on him. Ase!

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Re: Accident: 40 burnt to death, severalWritten by [bola](#), on 30-10-2007 05:47

I am surprised that some people can even attribute the fault of the tanker driver going over the culvert to the perceived misrule of OBJ. Wow! He that his lacking in wisdom should definately ask God.

Even when Jesus whom we christains percieve as the messiah came to this world, he was unable to convert everyone even through his demonstrations of miracles. OBJ is not a messiah. He did what he had to do and he has passed on the touch to someone else. What we fail to realise is that OBJ wasn't under any moral obligation to invite the best brains to get Nigeria back on the right track. If he had looked the other way just like Shagari, Babangida or Abacha that would have been very much expected, but he didn't.

Because of him, we have the likes of Prof Soludo, Dr. Okonjoweala, Malam Ribadu etc. He didn't just invite them, he trusted them and he empowered them to do their job. OBJ's means of acheiving goals may be deemed as poor, he still did his best with the interest of the masses at heart.

Lagos-Ibadan is not the only road in Nigeria. There are other places that don't have a road a lot. Nigeria don't have unlimited resources. We have been bankrupt for decades for crying out loud. 8 years is not enough to take a misguided nigeria where it ought to be. The mere fact that nigeria is where it is today spells nothing short of spectacular.

People stop crucifying peole that has done good. When they said some PTF money was misappropriated to his campaign fund, he ordered the money to be returned! They said his family benefited from government housing auction, he reverse the transaction! In the history of Nigerian leaders, who has ever done that from the president/head of state down to the local government counselors?

OBJ has done well with excellent score. He should be respected and not cursed. So instead we ought to thank God for his live and pray that present leaders put road safety as part of their priority.

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Written by [diaspora mike](#), on 30-10-2007 06:17

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Leave Obj alone, God will visit himWritten by [Henry Ifeanyi](#), on 30-10-2007 08:45

Nigerians lets forget about the pass and pray that God will accept the souls of our brothers and sister that lost their lives.

Obj and his Gang is already under God's Judgement, look at him closely you will notice that.

Follow Nigerians God is about to Visit us, Worry no more. The promise of God in Isaih 60 vs 1-5 will surely come to pass in a our Nation.

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What is OBJ offence here??Written by [Dammy](#), on 30-10-2007 09:04

Eddy's curses on OBJ leaves much to be desired. We need to be objective and constructive in our comments on what we read on pages of newspapers online. It is clear from the report that the petrol tanker travelling from Lagos to Ibadan lost control, and fell over and caught fire. Even a child should be able to comprehend that what happened was purely an accident. What has OBJ got to do with this?? I am not an ardent supporter of any politician including OBJ, but we must be realistic. Every calamity is visited on past leaders including accidents! The irony of it all is that Eddy failed to tell readers what OBJ should have done in this case. The loss of lives and the agonies befall the families of the dead are not of concern to Eddy! People should show restrain their emotions when they write comments. I consider Eddy's comments as an abuse the privileged. We also do comment on issues on the BBC website, but a comment is not published until it has been scrutinized by the host. Your comment is rejected if in the opinion of the host such a comment is considered to be abusive or more generally, at odds with the subject matter of the report. BBC does this because they are directly liable for anything published on their pages. I think Vanguard should introduce similar control.

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