

# Multiple accident claims

## —3 lives in Edo

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**B**ENIN—THREE persons have been killed while two others got third degree burns in a multiple accident that occurred weekend along the Benin bypass in Edo State.

However, efforts to douse the inferno by the Edo State Fire Service could not be achieved as the fire fighting truck it sent got its information wrong as it headed for Auchi instead of the bypass where the accident occurred.

The Benin Toll Gate Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Mr. Uzor Chukwuma, who led the rescue operation, told newsmen that the accident occurred when a petrol tanker experienced brake failure and ran into a truck carrying milk and a Dyna van loaded with ethanol.

He disclosed that the fire

was ignited as the tanker hit the two other vehicles and in the process, the vehicles and their occupants were badly burnt by the fire that raged for several hours.

Mr. Uzor said three people were picked up dead by the FRSC rescue team, while the other two people with severe burns were taken to the University of Benin Teaching Hospital for treatment.

The FRSC commander said they were grateful to members of the public who promptly alerted them about the accident, as they arrived the scene within hours of the accident. He said while the commission was grateful to the fire service, which promptly responded to its call for assistance to put out the fire, "a communication lag misled the firemen to head for Auchi in Edo North instead of the scene of the accident on Lagos Road."