

19 die in road mishap

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ASABA—NO fewer than nineteen passengers were yesterday burnt to death along Benin/Agbor road. The accident occurred at about 4.30pm along Benin/Agbor when a bus conveying the passengers enroute Onitsha lost one of its tyres and as a result somersaulted several times before bursting into flames. All the occupants perished as there was no survival. As at the time of this re-

port, the bus was still smouldering. Men of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) were at the scene trying to clear the traffic. They were however helpless in the rescue operation due to the intensity of the fire. One of the FRSC men who spoke to our reporter on condition of anonymity said "we might find it difficult to contact the relatives of the victims as things are".