

5 feared dead as truck runs into market

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BENIN—NO fewer than five women were killed weekend in a motor accident when a truck with number plate No. XA 245 PTN ran into a market at Agbede, Et-sako West Local Government Area of West Edo State. Also, five women and two men were injured in the accident.

Zonal Commander of the Edo State Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr. Zakari Ndah who confirmed the accident blamed the cause on break failure on the part of the trailer driver.

He however said that the obstruction caused by the accident on the ever busy Benin-Auchi-Abuja Highways had been cleared just as the bodies of the dead victims deposited at the Agbede General

Hospital mortuary. He also added that the injured were rushed to the same hospital for treatment.

In a related development, the zonal commander of the FRSC Edo State, Mr. Ndah has disclosed that over 600 persons have so far been arrested for flouting the commission's directive against over loading of vehicles.

At the flag-off of the commissions campaign against over loading in Edo State, he disclosed that the commission will focussed its attention on over loading as well as use of crash helmet to ensure the safety of drivers as well as motor-bike riders.

The commander lamented that despite the campaign against over loading of vehicles by commercial drivers and moto cycle operators, the problem had become a national phenomenon which must be tackled in other to save ans preserve lives.