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Gabriel Enogholase

10 May 2009

AT least 27 persons lost their lives in two separate automobile accidents in Estako West Local Government Area of Edo State on Friday and yesterday.

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Fourteen people died in one of the accidents which occurred on Egono bridge on the Agbede - Auchi road, the accident in which a Hiace bus with registration number XP 557 AUC and a J.5 bus XQ 464 XMK collided.

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Zonal commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Zakari Ndah, who confirmed the accident, attributed it to dangerous overtaking by the drivers of the vehicles.

He said the bodies of those who lost their lives in the accident were deposited at the Auchi

General Hospital while the injured were rushed to Faith Medical Centre also in the town for treatment. The second accident occurred yesterday in Igara, Akoko-Edo Local Government Area and claimed 13 lives.

An eye witness told journalists that the victims, who were mostly traders, were traveling from Igara in an 18-seater bus to Onitsha. "As they were approaching Auchi, the driver of the vehicle, while overtaking a trailer on the bridge of River Oyeni along Auchi- Igara road, lost control and the bus skidded off the road, somersaulting several times and landed on the bank of the river, leaving 13 occupants of the vehicle dead and only two survivors.

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