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18 passengers burnt to death along Benin-Ore road

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***16 others seriously injured in a multiple road accident**

BY SIMON EBEGBULEM

TRAGEDY struck yesterday along the Benin-Ore express road when 18 persons whose identities are yet to be known were **burnt** to death while 16 **passengers** were seriously injured in a multiple accident involving an **18-seater-bus** and other vehicles.

The accident was said to have occurred near Okada in Ovia North East Local Government Council of Edo State when an on-coming truck was said to have veered off its track apparently trying to avoid bad spots and rammed into the bus which burst into flames.

It was said that another bus coming behind the **burnt** bus and two other vehicles ran into the bush while trying to avoid the burning bus. All the **passengers** in the **18-seater** bus were roasted to death while injuries sustained came from the other vehicles that tried to avoid the burning bus.

Four women and 14 men sustained serious injuries in the accident while two others were safe. Eyewitness account said the bus loaded with the **passengers** was mangled beyond recognition as it somersaulted severally. The incident which occurred at about 5 p.m. yesterday, created a long queue in the area.

The victims were said to have been trapped inside the mangled bus with no rescue in sight. An eyewitness told Vanguard: “We were watching helplessly as the bus was on fire with the occupants. There was no help in sight, there was no body to help, there was nothing we could do.”

Contacted, the Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, spokesman, Olu Olumotomi, confirmed the incident, saying: “Our men are already on the spot trying to save the survivors.”

Those who survived were rushed to the University of **Benin** Teaching Hospital, UBTH.

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Everytime, its always the same story! Avoidable wastage of innocent lives.

May the spirit of these dead people never allow ALL the present and former Ministers for Works/Transport to rest. May their own end and that of their children be worse than these for they stole money which was earmarked for the repair of that road and use it for their personal lifestyle.

Obasanjo and his works minister, Ogunlewe deserve to burn in the final days of their lives, for the part they played in these road failures, as a result of their greed.