

4 killed, 11 injured in Kwara auto accident

FOUR passengers, two males and two females, lost their lives in a motor accident on the Oke-Onigbin-Omu-Aran Express Road in Kwara State, yesterday.

Eleven other passengers, among them five children and six adults, sustained various degrees of injuries and were immediately rushed to Ajisafe Hospital and Omu-Aran General Hospital.

An eyewitness said at Omu-Aran that the accident, which also claimed the life of the driver, was caused by a burst tyre.

According to the eyewitness, who requested anonymity, the tyre of the 18-seater Mazda bus with number plates GBH 48 SA, burst few minutes after take-off from a garage in Omu-Aran, en route to Lagos.

He said the bus

somersaulted several times before landing in the bush.

"I think the driver drove into one of the potholes on the highway and the tyre burst and the bus somersaulted several times before landing in the bush," the source said.

Mr. Akeem Abdulkareem, Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Director of Operations in Omu-Aran, who confirmed the accident, said that

excessive speeding must have also contributed to the accident.

He said he was on his way to Omu-Aran when he stumbled on the accident and quickly mobilised his men to evacuate the victims to the hospital.

Abdulkareem said some of the victims, who were critically injured, were receiving treatment at the hospitals.

90-yr-old
grandmother

Council boss' driver crushes girl in Bayelsa