

10 die, 13 injured in Ondo auto crashes

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AKURE—NO fewer than 10 persons reportedly died, while 13 others sustained various degrees of injuries in two separate auto crashes in Akure, Ondo State capital.

Six persons were roasted alive as the vehicle they were travelling in went up in flame after it veered off a bridge and landed in a ditch at Ajowa and Gedegede in Akoko area of the state.

It was gathered that the lone accident involved a Benue State-bound bus coming from Ogbomosho in Oyo State.

An eye witnessed said it was the noise from the impact of the crash that attracted residents of Gedegede, who rushed there and met the vehicle in flames.

Men of Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Ikare unit, rushed

to the scene to rescue the accident victims, with help from the community's residents.

Ondo State Sector Commander of FRSC, Commander Rotimi Adeleye, attributed the crash to speeding and the recklessness of the driver and night journey, which might have affected visibility.

Also, seven boys reportedly returning from a night club were involved in a crash in the early hours of yesterday at Adegbola Junction, Akure.

Two of the boys died on the spot, while report had it that two others gave up the ghost later yesterday, at the Specialist Hospital, Akure.

One of them was said to have bought the vehicle recently and still had the learner's sign on it when they went clubbing.