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## Family of three dies in auto crash in Benin

●Six dead, 11 injured in Anambra motor accident — FRSC

A couple and their child died in a ghastly accident along the busy Benin-Auchi expressway, Edo State on Sunday, just as six people were also killed in another accident at the Nkwelle Junction on the Nteje-Onitsha expressway in Anambra. It was gathered that the couple with their infant child were heading towards the Auchi end of the road when their car, a Toyota Camry, rammed into a stationary articulated vehicle at the front of the Coca Cola

Bottling Company at Eyaen, near Benin.

*Vanguard* gathered that the deceased, a father, his wife and their infant child were heading towards the Auchi end of the road when their vehicle, a Toyota Camry rammed into a stationary vehicle right in front of Coca Cola Bottling Company at Eyaen, near Benin.

An eye witness, who gave his name as Osarenren, disclosed that the accident occurred around 3 am and that the sight of the

mangled car under the truck loaded with Coca Cola products was gory.

He said that the remains of the victims have since been deposited at the nearby White Cross Hospital, Ogueka, near Benin while frantic efforts were being made to locate the family of the deceased.

The Edo State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr Henry Benamaisia, however, said that he was yet to be briefed of the fatal auto crash.

But, the Anambra State Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Andrew Kumapayi, yesterday, confirmed the death of six people in an accident involving a commercial bus and a truck at the Nkwelle Junction on the Nteje-Onitsha expressway on Sunday.

Andrew Kumapayi noted that the accident which occurred at about 5:10.p.m. was caused by excessive speeding which led the bus driver to lose control of his vehicle and rammed into the truck.

"The crash involved a mini white bus belonging to a transport firm (name withheld) with registration number BGT313 XA and a white truck which did not display its registration number.

"Out of the 17 persons involved in the crash, 11 male adults sustained some degree of injuries and were rushed to Iyi-Ene Hospital in Ogidi by FRSC rescue team from Nteje Unit Command.

He said the dead were deposited at the hospital's mortuary.