

4 die in Edo auto crash

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BENIN CITY — FOUR persons, yesterday, died in an accident involving three vehicles along the Benin-Auchi road near Obaqie community in Uhumwonde Local Government Area of Edo State.

The accident was said to have occurred when one of the vehicles, a 14-seater commercial bus, was trying to avoid a pothole and in the process had a collision with an on-coming truck laden with baskets of tomatoes.

A passenger, who was travelling on a Sienna bus behind the ill-fated commercial bus, said their vehicle narrowly escaped being rammed into.

He explained that following the crash, the bus fell on the driver's side along the road while the Sienna ran into it.

The Edo State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, Mr Henry Benemesia, who confirmed the incident, said a team of the sector command was deployed to the scene for rescue operations and attributed the crash to over speeding and dangerous overtaking on the part of the driver of the commercial bus.

He said: "23 persons were involved in the accident with three vehicles, including a tanker, a Toyota Sienna Space bus and a Toyota Hiace bus and four persons died."