

# 12 burnt to death in Benin-Auchi road accident



*file photo*

**Tragedy struck on Saturday morning along the Benin-Auchi highway as 12 passengers were burnt to death in a fatal accident involving a Toyota Hiace bus and a truck.**

**Cyril Mathew, Edo Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), who confirmed the incident, said the crash occurred around 5 a.m. at Igueoviobo community, near an army checkpoint on the highway.**

**According to the FRSC official, the bus, which departed from Zuba in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and was heading to Benin, collided with an oncoming truck en route Auchi.**

**“The entire occupants of the bus were killed in the crash.**

**“The accident likely resulted from fatigue, as the driver may have dozed off, leading to the collision,” he said.**

**Following the impact, he said, the bus was engulfed in flames, making it impossible to save the victims.**

**Matthew noted, however, that the FRSC authorities were able to identify the deceased through the vehicle’s manifest and had since contacted their families.**

**He explained that the truck driver and his assistant, fondly called “Motor Boy” escaped unhurt.**

**The FRSC boss once again urged drivers to avoid fatigue while on long journeys, advising them to stop and rest whenever they feel tired to prevent similar tragedies. (NAN)**