

《湖南客车起火事故，已有35人死亡》

导读:昨日上午，湖南高速宜章段一辆客车发生撞车后突发大火，伤亡惨重，目前已经造成35人死亡。



A fire that reduced a tour bus to a charred frame on Sunday morning has killed at least 35 people, including two children, in Hunan Province, local authorities said.

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The bus was carrying 55 people, the county government of Yizhang said, correcting a previous report that said 56 were on board. Eleven people were hospitalized, including four who were seriously injured.

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The accident happened at about 10:20 a.m., when the bus crashed into the guardrail on a highway in Yizhang. The ensuing oil leak caused the fire, according to the government.

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A photo taken at the site showed huge clouds of black smoke rising from the vehicle, and another showed the black frame of the bus after the fire was put out.

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A survivor surnamed Huang said the driver told them the bus door could not open, and the driver then escaped from the window next to his seat. Huang smashed a window with a fire extinguisher in order to get out.

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Video footage taken by a witness showed that fire and screams engulfed the bus minutes after the crash. Some passengers were seen limping out of the bus covered in blood.

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State Councilor Guo Shengkun, who is also public security minister, has ordered all-out efforts to save the injured, identify the cause of the accident, and to take measures to prevent similar tragedies from happening.

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A work team headed by Vice Public Security Minister Huang Ming is heading for Hunan to guide the investigation and handling of the accident on site.

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Police have detained the driver.

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