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Six mourners returning from burial die in Anambra auto crash



Six persons, including four women, lost their lives while five others sustained varying degrees of injury in a fatal accident involving two vehicles at Nawfia section of Awka-Onitsha Road in Anambra State.

The vehicles involved in the accident that occurred on Friday night included a tipper truck and a 608 bus with 32 persons on board.

One of the passengers in the bus said they were travelling from Ebonyi State to Onitsha after attending a burial organised by the Catholic Women Organisation (CWO).

He blamed the auto crash on the driver's recklessness, including dangerous overtaking.

"The driver had been driving recklessly with several dangerous overtaking probably to make up for lost time. It was this particular overtaking that led to the collision with the tipper," he lamented.

State Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Bridget Asekhauno, confirmed the crash.

She said the deceased had been deposited in the morgue while the injured were receiving treatment at the Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University Teaching Hospital, Amaku.

While sympathising with the deceased and praying for quick recovery of the injured, Asekhauno urged motorists to respect traffic laws, avoid aggressive overtaking and to prioritise safety for all road users.

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She said: “The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) RS53 Awka responded to a fatal crash on the Awka–Onitsha Road at the Nawfia axis. The incident occurred at approximately 06:20 hours.

“Two vehicles were involved: a yellow-and-black tipper truck with registration number FGG 21XV and a red 608 bus registration XQ 398 AA)

“The total number of people involved was 32, comprising nine male adults and 23 female adults.

“The collision resulted in six fatalities—two male adults and four female adults. Five female adults sustained injuries, and 21 people were rescued unhurt.

“All victims were taken to Amaku General Hospital, where medical staff confirmed the deaths. The road obstruction was cleared, and normal traffic flow has resumed.

“This tragic incident is a stark reminder of the devastating consequences of reckless driving.

“We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of the victims and urge all motorists to respect traffic laws, avoid aggressive overtaking, and prioritise safety for all road users.

“The FRSC reaffirms its commitment to enforcing traffic laws, educating the public on road safety and providing quick aid to crash victims.”