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10 die in auto crash in Delta

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Ten persons have lost their lives in a fatal motor accident that occurred along Asaba-Onitsha Expressway by late Maryam Babangida Road.

BusinessDay gathered that the accident, which involved three vehicles, a 14-seater Toyota bus with registration number Anambra XB 519 UKP, a pick-up van and an articulated truck with registration number Anambra XC 673 AWK, all going towards Onitsha led to the instant death of four passengers while seven with various degrees of injuries were rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Asaba alive.

A reliable source close to the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Delta State Sector Command however disclosed that six persons in addition to the four that were earlier confirmed death had given up the ghost.

A conductor of the 14-seater bus, Samuel Edeh disclosed that his driver simply identified as Monday entered in-between the pick-up van and the articulated truck in a bid to overtake them, adding that he could not explain exactly what happened.

Samuel, who sustained serious injuries, stated it was at the process of overtaking that the accident happened, adding that the vehicle took off from Agbor for Onitsha.

But an eyewitness account had it that the driver who was in high speed as well as at the middle of the two vehicles was about to overtake when the accident happened.

He also disclosed that the driver of the 14-seater bus was about to escape after the accident, but unfortunately ran into the articulated vehicle which however crushed him to death.

When our correspondent visited the scene of the accident, it was learnt that the driver of the articulated vehicle ran away immediately after the accident while the pick-up van was said to have been towed to the office of the FRSC.

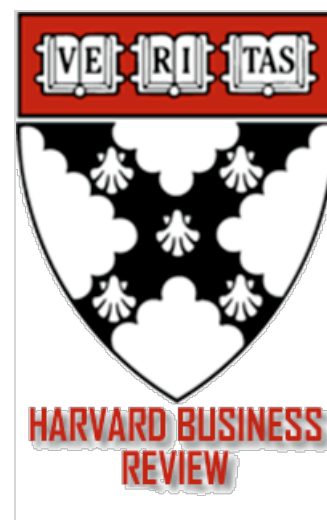
Sympathizers were still at the scene discussing the incident, while the rickety body of the 14-seater bus had been towed to the opposite direction of the expressway.



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