

Auto crash: 10 perish on Port Harcourt-Owerri road

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AT least 10 persons have been confirmed dead as two commercial vehicles collided on the Port Harcourt / Owerri road killing almost all the passengers on board.

The auto crash which happened yesterday in the state as the vehicles were overtaken each other on the Isiokpo road near the Elele junction, just as the cause of the accident was

attributed to over-speeding.

Although the identities of the deceased persons were not yet made public, the injured persons have been taken to nearby hospital for treatment.

The fatal accident which occurred between 1.30pm and 2pm left many passersby confused as most travellers expressed fear on the road.

Our correspondent gathered that one of the vehicles has its

plate number as AD430RX, an Imo state registration number, even as their personal belongings littered on the major roads.

Speaking shortly at the scene of the accident on the Port Harcourt/Owerri road, the Care-taker committee chairman, Ikwerre local government Area, Rivers state, Mr. Sunny Wokoro attributed the cause of the accident to over-speeding by the drivers of the vehicles.

According to him, the drivers were reckless on the way as both of them were overtaking each other on the highway thereby resulting to the loss of the lives of the passengers including the two drivers.

He also said that the corpses of the 10 deceased persons have been deposited at the Elele general hospital for identification even as sympathizers besieged the hospital premises to get the full identities of the deceased.