

Awka auto crash: Death toll now 22, as Obi consoles survivors

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Two more victims of the road mishap which took place at Akwatta Junction Awka, Tuesday ago are said to have died at Ifebi Hospital Awka, where they were receiving treatment.

This is just as the Anambra state governor, Mr. Peter

Obi has condoled with the relatives of all those who lost their lives in the accident.

A press statement from the chief press secretary to the governor Mr. Mike Udah said that Obi on arrival at Awka yesterday, having been away to Abuja since Sunday, visited Regina Caeli Hospital, one

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of the hospitals treating the victims.

He prayed for the repose of the souls of those who lost their lives in the accident while advising Anambrarians to be careful in their driving and general attitude on the roads to forestall cases of road mishaps which had often characterized previous Christmas seasons.

A medical practitioner in charge of the hospital, Dr. Ernest Ifebi who confirmed the death of the some persons, said one out of the four victims brought to his hospital died at the gate due to excessive bleeding while the

other casualty whose name he gave as Israel Isephohimen, died in the early hours of yesterday as a result of severe head injury.

He also said that one of the victims who suffered a serious head injury is still in comma, while the other victims with pelvic injury had render gone a minor surgery.

When Daily Champion visited Onyebuchi Ogbonna, a victim with a head injury, he was not yet in a position to talk.

At Regina Caeli Hospital, Awka, Chief Consultant Surgeon, Dr. Mike Chunwuba revealed that about 10 persons were brought to the hospital yesterday with both minor and serious injuries

and noted that nine of them had been discharged.

He said the remaining victim has serious head injury resulting in amnesia, adding all efforts at identifying him had proved abortive as he was not responding positively to treatment.

Meanwhile, the driver of the ill fated trailer involved in the accident who gave his name as Mr. Nosa Aifaseli explained that his vehicle was descending the Udoka Estate slope when he recorded a brake failure lamenting that he tried to limit the speed so as to avert the imminent accident but to no avail.