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Nigeria: Rivers - Lecturer, Four Others Killed in Auto Crash

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Port Harcourt — At least five persons, including a lecturer in the University of Port Harcourt died in a fatal motor accident yesterday, along Emohua axis of the East-West road, Rivers State.

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Daily Champion reliably learnt from eye witnesses that the crash occurred when a Mercedes Benz car collided with an on-coming Mazda car while avoiding a pothole on the road, killing all passengers onboard the Mazda.

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A witness further disclosed that the driver of the Mercedes Benz sustained serious injury and was rushed to a nearby hospital, while the bodies of the deceased have been deposited at a morgue.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in the state, Mr.

Osas Osadebanwen, however confirmed that two persons died in the accident but could not confirm whether one of the victims was a lecturer.

He said: "Two cars had head-on collision in Emohua area at about 11:45am yesterday leading to the death of two persons. The accident would have been caused by over-speeding by one of the drivers of the cars."

Meanwhile, the public relations officer of the University of Port Harcourt, Dr. William Wordi, said he was not aware of the incident, adding that he would find out if their lecturer was truly involved.

Daily Champion recalls that a similar incident occurred last Tuesday, involving an 18-seater bus and a truck, resulting in the death of all the passengers in the bus, including the driver.

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