

# Tragedy as family of 3 perish in Onitsha

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**T**RAGEDY struck yesterday morning at 3-3 area of Onitsha, the Anambra State commercial nerve centre, when a family of three including the father, mother and a child lost their lives in a fatal road accident.

According to sources, the father was carrying the members of the family on a motor-bike heading towards down town Onitsha city when a commercial bus also heading to Onitsha rammed into them from behind at about 8am.

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learnt that one of the two kids of the family who was sitting on the tank of the bike died but with serious injuries. The child was rushed to a nearby hospital.

The accident caused heavy traffic holdup at the road for several hours with many Onitsha bound traders stranded.

The state Police Spokesman, Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), when contacted said he was not aware of the accident.

Sympathizers who gathered at the scene of the accident

decried the increasing rate of auto crashes in the state in the past week which they blamed on deplorable nature of roads in the State and impatience on the part of road users.

They urged both the State and Federal governments to fix the roads as well as the members of Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to focus on their statutory function of ensuring safety on the road instead of concentrating on pecuniary interest, especially during the yuletide because of the increase in vehicular movement during the period.