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Three die in Owerri auto crash

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Four persons including a former Heartland Football Club of Owerri player, Uche Onyedika died Monday in a ghastly motor accident which occurred at Irete near Owerri. The accident involved a luxury bus popularly known in the area as *Akpuruka* and a Mercedes Benz 190 car carrying four occupants. The bus left Owerri heading for Onitsha while the 190 Mercedes Benz was heading to Owerri from Irete, a nearby community. The four persons died on the spot. When *Daily Trust* visited the scene the dead bodies had been taken to a mortuary while the bus burnt by angry youths. The driver of the bus according to witnesses was said to have escaped to avoid being mobbed. It was gathered that the owner of the Mercedes Benz car was also a player with Heartland Foot ball Club of Owerri and was to travel with the team the following morning. It was also gathered that the player had gone to Irete with some of his friends to celebrate his inclusion in the trip. The Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Commission Imo State command, Mr. Angus Ibezim confirmed the incident but said he was yet to get the details.

NUJ summons former official