

Pregnant woman, 10 others killed in Imo auto crash

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ELEVEN persons, including a pregnant woman, were killed and many others injured in a motor accident that occurred at the weekend at the Imo State University junction, Owerri.

It was gathered that the driver of a 911 trailer, loaded with asphalt, lost control owing to break failure at the Ugwu Orji Bridge along the Okigwe Owerri express road. The trailer then swerved into the direction of an 18-seater bus, a keke and a Kia jeep, killing 10 passengers.

A witness said the trailer was seen rolling down uncontrollably and fell on top of the 18-seater bus said to be coming from Okigwe.

Some students, who assisted in the rescue of the victims, said the pregnant woman died when the vehicles were being broken with

axe to rescue trapped passengers.

The bodies of the victims are said to have been taken to the morgue of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Owerri where the injured are also being treated.

Daily Trust learnt that the driver of the ill-fated trailer

escaped unhurt and left the scene immediately.

Sympathizers, who spoke to our correspondent on condition of anonymity, urged the Federal Government to stop heavy vehicles from plying the roads in day-time.