

## 5 family members perish in Asaba crash

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Five members of a family yesterday died in an auto crash at Ubulu-Okiti Junction, near Asaba on the Benin-Onitsha expressway. Two other occupants of the vehicle survived and were receiving emergency attention at the Federal Medical Centre Asaba as at press time.

The head of the family said to be driving the vehicle with his pregnant wife in front, with two of their children (male and female) and a domestic ward – all perished in the unfortunate incident.

Among the survivors were a daughter of the deceased couple and an octogenarian grandmother of one of the couple.

The victims were said to be travelling from Ekiti state and headed towards Awka in Anambra state when the Toyota Hilux vehicle they were travelling in had a busted tyre.

An eyewitness said the vehicle veered off the road and somersaulted severally in the process resulting in the accident that took the lives of five occupants of the vehicle.

Bodies of the dead victims were evacuated at the scene of the accident by officials of Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and deposited at the FMC Morgue in Asaba.

The Public Relations Officer of the FRSC, Julius Bassey confirmed the incident but declined further comments saying they were awaiting detailed report from the Issele-Uku Unit of the FRSC Command, which oversees the jurisdiction of the accident.