

Nigeria: Five Feared Dead, 12 Others Injured in Onitsha Road Mishap

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Awka — Five persons were feared dead and 12 others injured yesterday in a road accident involving a bus and a trailer at Odumodu Junction in Nteje along Enugu-Onitsha Expressway.

A witness attributed the accident to brake failure on the part of the trailer carrying palm kernel oil and high speed, saying all the victims were rushed to nearby hospitals.

Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps Hyginus Omeje confirmed that 12 were injured but denied any knowledge of death. He blamed the accident on recklessness of driver of the trailer leading to brake failure.

"My people were on ground and I can confirm that nobody died in the accident but 12 people were injured. Six females and six males and they were taken to Beatrice Hospital Umunya and Chira Hospital Awkuzu", he said.

But police spokesperson Emeka Chukwuemeka confir-med that five persons reportedly died and 12 hospitalized due to overspending and brake failure.

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