

15 die in Ebonyi, Kogi road crashes

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① A road accident yesterday morning claimed the lives of nine persons in Ezzambo, Ebonyi State.

② Also, six people died while 10 others were injured in a motor accident which occurred in Ohono, Kogi State, along the

Abuja-Lokoja highway, also in the early hours of yesterday.

④ Daily Trust learnt that the accident in Ebonyi happened when a tipper carrying chippings (stone) lost control due to tire burst and ran into a coaster bus at 135 Ezzamgbo area along the busy Enugu-Abakaliki expressway in Ohankwu local government

area.

It was learnt that the bus left Lagos and was heading to Ikom in Cross River State. Speaking to newsmen over the incident, the Director of Fire Service in Ebonyi, Mr. James Onwe said that three among the nine that lost their lives were burnt beyond recognition.

② Daily Trust learnt that the accident which occurred at Ohono village along the Abuja-Lokoja highway, involved a company truck fully loaded with cement and a J5 bus.

Kogi State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr Ogochukwu

Ugboma who confirmed the accident, attributed its cause to hazy weather condition and bad state of the road.

He said the injured victims were receiving medical attention at the Federal Medical Centre, Lokoja while the remains of those that died had been deposited in the same hospital.