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Many feared dead in Enugu auto crash

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Many commuters were feared killed on Tuesday, in a multiple road accidents in Enugu State.

City & Crime reports that the accident, which involved nine vehicles, occurred at about 6:40 p.m. along the Ugwu Onyeama hilly road in the state, on Tuesday night.

It was gathered the incident happened when a heavy-duty truck loaded with kerosene suffered brake failure and rammed into several oncoming vehicles on the road.

A video clip, apparently recorded

shortly after the incident, has been circulating on the social media and on various WhatsApp groups.

In the clip, which was seen by our correspondent, a water tanker vehicle fell inside a nearby bush while another fell along the main road.

The clip showed a saloon car mangled beyond recognition. A heavy duty truck, believed to have caused the accident, was seen parked near the

scene. And other unidentified vehicles were also crushed completely.

At least two passengers were spotted in the clip lying lifeless along the road.

Some damaged vehicle parts

were littered around the scene of the accident and sympathisers were heard in the background of the clip lamenting the accident and loss of lives.

"Everybody is dead," A male voice was heard in the background of the clip.

When contacted on Wednesday, the Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps in Enugu State, Mr Adeyemi Sokunbi, confirmed the development.

He, however, said two male passengers died in the accident while 10 others – eight males and females – were injured.

"We went there for rescue. My men

were there till around 9:30 p.m. Two male adults died," he said.

The sector commander said bodies of the deceased victims had been deposited at a morgue in the state.

The FRSC chief said the injured victims were currently receiving treatment at the Enugu State University of Science and Technology Teaching Hospital.

He said families of the deceased victims were already on ground to take possession of the bodies.

Meanwhile, the Enugu State Police Command has said that four persons died in the accident.

The Command's spokesperson, DSP Daniel Ndukwe, in a text message simply said, "It's a case of multiple fatal motor accidents that claimed four and not 25 lives, please."