

24 8 dead, 6 injured as bus collides with tanker in Anambra - FRSC

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Anambra Sector Command, has confirmed that an accident at Ukpok Junction, on Nteje-Awka Road in the state, resulted in eight fatalities on Sunday night.

The Sector Commander, Mrs Joyce Alexander confirmed the incident to newsmen on Monday, in Awka.

Alexander said the crash involved a Mack tanker without a registration number and a Toyota Hiace bus with registration number EKP375XM.

Alexander attributed the

accident to speeding and wrongful overtaking which led to a head-on collision.

She said that an eyewitness account and preliminary investigations showed that the bus was travelling from Abakaliki to Onitsha.

"The bus was speeding and overtook dangerously before colliding with the tanker, which was heading towards Awka on a single carriageway.

"The crash resulted in eight fatalities - four males and four females, while six others comprising

two males and four females, were injured.

"The rescue team from Nteje attended to the injured victims, transporting them to the hospital for treatment.

"They took the bodies of the deceased to Jerusalem Mortuary in Nteje after confirmation by a doctor," she said.

The Sector Commander visited the surviving victims at Regina Caeli Hospital and Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu Teaching Hospital in Awka, to assess their condition and offer support. (NAN)