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40 die in Aba highway crash

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A GALE of deep wailing tore the air at Bola Ige and Alesinloye Markets in Ibadan, Oyo State yesterday following reported deaths of 40 people, including 22 traders from the two markets, in an auto crash along Aba-Onitsha highway.

One of the survivors, Moses Olufayo, who is currently recuperating in a private hospital said the traders had gone to the textile market at Aba, Abia State and were returning when the accident occured.

While 22 of the traders died on the spot, survivors were rushed to St. Dominic Catholic Hospital, Ogungbade, Ibadan where medics are battling to save their lives .

Olufayo, who sustained cervical

Another survivor identified as Ade said the auto accident could have been averted if the two drivers had exercised some degree of patience.

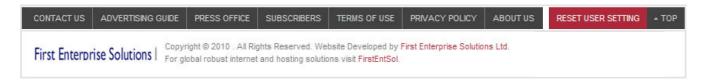
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fracture, said the bus conveying the traders had a head-on collision with an Aba-bound bus.

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Medical Director of the Catholic hospital, Dr. Taiwo Obisesan, assured that the hospital would do all within its power to ensure that the victim does not become paralysed.



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