

Container falls, crushes students to death in Owerri

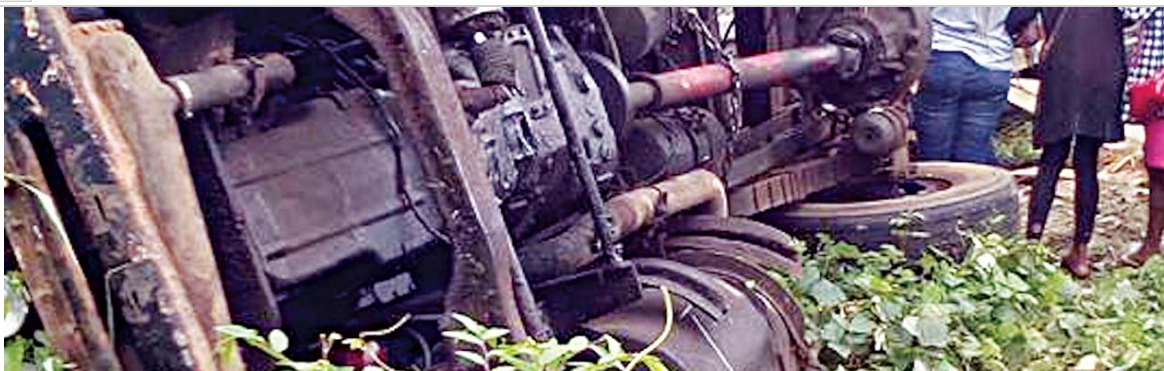
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The accident scene

Tragedy struck in Owerri, the Imo State capital yesterday when a truck fell off a heavy-duty vehicle and crushed some persons suspected to be students of the Imo State Polytechnic, Umuagwo.

Sources said the vehicle, which was coming from Port Harcourt, fell off the heavy-duty truck and crushed people who were standing on the roadside opposite the polytechnic's main gate on the ever busy Owerri-Port Harcourt expressway.

An eyewitness who refused to disclose his identity said the incident happened between 9:30a.m. and 10a.m. when the victims were apparently going to school for lectures.

He said: "A vehicle was conveying a truck from Port Harcourt to Owerri but unfortunately it slipped off and fell on innocent people who were going for their businesses. Some of the victims are students of Imo State Polytechnic who were going to school.

"No body anticipated it because it happened within few seconds. As we speak, no rescue mission has begun. People are still trapped under the truck." Confirming the mishap, the state Commissioner of Police, Chris Ezike, told newsmen that the number of casualties was yet to be ascertained by his command. He said a heavy-duty equipment was being sourced for so that an emergency operation could commence.

"Yes, I am aware. There are casualties but we cannot say the exact number. We don't want to speculate. We are looking for heavy duty equipment for the rescue mission to commence."

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