

Pregnant Woman, Four Others Die In Enugu Auto Crash

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AN eight-month pregnant woman and four others were yesterday killed in a fatal accident, which occurred on Ugwuogo road, Enugu East local council of Enugu State.

The accident, which occurred after Elim Estate along Ugwuogo Road, involved a fully loaded tricycle and a water tanker.

An eyewitness told *The Guardian* that the tricycle driver was attempting to overtake a trailer carrying cement but unfortunately for him, a water tanker was approaching and he rammed into it.

"The *keke* (tricycle) driver did a wrong overtaking on this road. Just as he entered the overtaking position, a water tanker was approaching and he was between the

trailer and the oncoming tanker. From what I observed, he drove under the tanker and all of them in the *Keke* died."

Asked how many persons were inside the tricycle, the source, who simply gave his name as Chukwuemeka, said: "The *keke* was carrying three persons at the back and one person in the front. As people, including the police from the nearby sta-

tion came to help bring out the victims from under the tanker where all of them ended, we found out that one of the passengers was heavily pregnant and she died with her baby."

It was further gathered that the pregnancy of the deceased woman, who hailed from Udi local council of the state, was already into the eighth month before her untimely death.