

Five die in Rivers, Delta auto crashes

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FIVE persons died, yesterday, in auto crashes in Rivers and Delta states.

① In Rivers, three people reportedly lost their lives while two were injured in an auto crash early hours at Eleme-Oyigbo road.

It was learned that the crash happened around 6:30 a.m. at Eleme-Oyigbo road.

The crash, which involved two vehicles, a Toyota Hiace bus and a Mercedes Benz 911 truck laden with timber logs, according to an eyewitness, was caused by poor visibility and speeding.

A source, who gave his name as ThankGod, said the bus driver was going to Aba and was on high speed when it rammed into the overlapping planks, crashing the vehicle just as three people in the bus lost their lives.

He said: "Blood all over the road. It is quite unfortunate in a time like this to lose anyone."

Confirming the incident, Head of Operations, Federal Road Safety Corps, Rivers State Command, Chukwuma Mbaegbu, disclosed that five adult males were involved and three males died while two others were injured.

According to Mbaegbu, the injured victims were taken to Military hospital and the three corpses were deposited in Resurrection Hope Mortuary, Oyigbo, Rivers State.