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14 Die In Owerri Road Mishap

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Fourteen persons were confirmed dead while 15 others; while 15, others were critically injured in a fatal auto accident that occurred at Avu Community, along the Owerri-Port Harcourt highway on Sunday night.

Eyewitnesses account informed *Daily Independent* that two L300 buses, travelling in opposite directions, had a head-on collusion at about 7.30 p.m. that fateful day.

One of the vehicles, Mitsubishi L300 with registration no: XE 196 AWK, belonged to Imo State Transport Company (ITC), while the other one was with registration number AJ 364 SPR.

A statement from the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Imo State Command, attributed the accident to recklessness, over-speeding and overloading on the part of both vehicles.

According to the Public Education Officer of the Command, Chibunna Nwamgborogwu, who spoke on behalf of the Sector Commander, Angus Ibezim, both the injured and the dead had been taken to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Owerri. Ibezim, therefore, advised people, whose relations travelled to Port Harcourt and environs on Sunday, July 6, from Owerri and vice versa, to check at the FMC Owerri, for identification of the victims.

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