

# Auto Crash: 5 Dead, 1 Injured In Ebonyi

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Five persons have been confirmed dead in a ghastly motor accident involving a yellow trailer with registration number APP 215 XP and an a Nissan Primera car with registration number UML 250AA at the Berger Junction Mill 2 bus stop, Ishiagu, along Afikpo-Ishiagu expressway in Ebonyi State.

A source close to the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Ebonyi

State Command, who sought anonymity, stated that the five casualties who died at the scene of the incident included two male and three female travelers, adding that their bodies had been deposited in an undisclosed hospital in Abakaliki, the state capital.

The source further disclosed that the other remaining passengers sustained various degrees of injuries and were receiving treatment at the Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki.

He said that the accident, which oc-

curred at about 03:51pm, followed a head-on collision between the two vehicles when the driver of the Nissan Primera lost control of the car as a result of over-speeding.

"The crash could have been avoided had the drivers not been over-speeding. A driver may lose control of his vehicle but if he was not over-speeding, he would have still been able to control the car. We had always advised motorists to adhere strictly to our instruction while using the road but most of them

pay deaf ears to our directives," the FRSC source said.

An eyewitness, Mr. Chukwu Ogwu lamented that most drivers who ply the Okigwe-Afikpo highway over-speed as a result of the good state of the road and urged the FRSC to ensure the enforcement of the speed limiting device for all motorists.

"The campaign that was recently flagged off by the commission should not just be for commercial motorists but for all road users.

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