

1 Dead, Others Injured In Ebonyi Auto Crash

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An auto crash has occurred in Ebonyi, killing one and injuring many other travellers.

A J5 van with over 28 passengers and travelling from Abakaliki, in Ebonyi State, to Arochukwu in Abia State for the New Year celebration lost control and killed one person along Akpoha axis of the Abakaliki- Afikpo express road.

An official of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ebonyi State command, who spoke to LEADERSHIP on grounds of anonymity, said that one of the passengers, a female, died on the spot, while several others sustained various degrees of injuries.

He said that the accident which occurred in the early hours of yesterday was a result of over-speeding, adding that when the front tyre of the vehicle burst, the driver could not control the vehicle and, as a result, the vehicle somersaulted several times and landed in a bush along the road.

"The van was carrying passengers numbering about 28. The passengers were heading to Arochukwu from Abakaliki when the driver, who was on very high speed, lost control after his front tyre burst. We gathered that the vehicle somersaulted several times before running into the bush.

"By the time our men got to the scene of the accident, we observed that one of the occupants, a female, had died on the spot, while several others, including children sustained various degrees of injuries. The passengers were traveling for the new year celebration," he said.

He further said that the corpse of the deceased was immediately deposited at an undisclosed mortuary, while those who sustained injuries were rushed to a private hospital in Afikpo North LGA for medical attention.