

Cult Clashes Claim 17, Auto-crash Claims 1 In Anambra

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Seventeen persons were killed yesterday in Awka, Anambra State in clashes between rival cult groups, our correspondent gathered from residents of the area.

Details were sketchy at press time, but when

contacted, the state police public relations officer, DSP Ikenga Tochukwu, said the police command was investigating the clashes.

In another development, one person died while 12 others were injured in an auto-crash along the Enugu-Onitsha Expressway in Oyi

local government area of the state.

The sector public education officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps in the state, Mrs Margaret Onabe, said 26 persons, including 20 males and 6 females were involved in the accident.

She said the driver of a truck laden with petrol lost control of the vehicle and rammed into other vehicles.

She said while the 12 injured persons were taken to hospital, 13 others were rescued unhurt and the body of the deceased was deposited in a morgue.