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Sixteen persons died Tuesday in an auto crash on the East-West Road in Rivers State. Three others were also injured.

The accident, which occurred at Otope in Ahoada West Local Government Area, involved a Toyota Hiace bus belonging to the Ex-Service Men Transport Scheme and a Mercedes Benz 911 truck.

According to the Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in Rivers State, Mr. Osas Osadebanwen, who confirmed the incident, the bus was over-speeding. A tyre bursted and the bus rammed into the oncoming truck.

The police in Rivers State yesterday rescued two female kidnap victims.

The first victim, Mrs. Felicia Kpako, who is the mother of the Special Adviser to Governor Rotimi Amaechi on Petroleum, was kidnapped on June 18.

Mrs. Chigozie Ogbonna, who was kidnapped on June 23, was released in Oyigbo Local Government Area.

Police spokesperson Rita Inoma-Abbey, who confirmed the release, said investigation was in progress.

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