

# Three dead, 27 injured in Ebonyi accident

**T**HREE persons died yesterday and 27 injured in an accident on the 135 axis of the Enugu-Abakaliki Expressway.

Another crash occurred on the Oso Edda axis of the Afikpo-Okigwe Expressway in Ebonyi State.

An official of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) said nobody died in the Enugu-Abakaliki Expressway accident, while the Afikpo-Okigwe Expressway crash claimed

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three lives.

He said: "While our team was on duty on the Oso-Edda axis of the Afikpo-Okigwe Expressway, they got a distress call that a red trailer with registration number KGE 95 XA had a head-on with a white Toyota Hiace bus with number plate XA 805 KP. Three occupants of the Hiace bus died.

"Our men, who went to the accident scene to rescue the victims, attributed the crash to dangerous driving. Sixteen persons were in the vehicle - 10 men and six women. Three of the men died on the spot, while 10 were injured."

The FRSC official said the injured were taken to Mater Miserecordia Hospital, Afikpo and the deceased deposited at the hospital morgue.

He said the accident on the 135 axis of the Enugu-Abaka-

liki Expressway involved another white Toyota Hiace bus with registration number AAA 210 XY, belonging to a mass transit company in the state and a black Volkswagen gulf with number plate KNM 60 AA.

The 17 passengers involved in the crash were injured and taken to hospital by policemen patrolling the expressway.

The victims, the FRSC official said, were taken to Ez-

zangbo General Hospital and later transferred to the Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki.

He advised drivers to avoid reckless driving on the Abakaliki-Afikpo Expressway, which is still under construction.

The FRSC official urged the Federal Ministry of Transport to expedite action on the rehabilitation of the Abomege axis of the Afikpo-Abakaliki Expressway, which he described as a death trap.

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