

# Car crash claims 11 lives on Anambra Bridge

**E**LEVEN people lost their lives in an auto crash along Awka-Ekwulobia Road in Anambra State.

The deceased, including three male adults, one female child and others were burnt beyond recognition.

The crash, which occurred at Agulu Lake Bridge on Sunday evening, involved an articulated truck, a commercial bus and a shuttle bus.

According to eyewitnesses, the bus driver who was at speed overtook them wrongfully, and collided with the Mack truck, while the shuttle bus ran into the collided vehi-

cles. From Emma Elekwa, Onitsha

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The Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Adeoye Irelewuyi confirmed the incident and the casualty figures.

While condoling with the deceased's families and wishing the injured quick recovery, Irelewuyi urged the motoring public to ensure the road was clear before overtak-

ing and also maintain stipulated speed limits.

He said: "A fatal road traffic crash occurred at Agulu Lake Bridge by Awka-Ekwulobia Road on December 26, 2021, at about 16:39 p.m.

"The crash involved three vehicles, Mack with no registration number, MIT L300 with registration number: XA857UMN; with about 14 passengers and HIJET bus with registration number: UMZ23XC.

"Probable cause of the fatal crash attributed wrongful overtaking and excessive speed.

"Twenty people were involved in the crash. Four people, comprising two male adults, and two female adults were injured, while 11 people, including three male adults, one female child were killed.

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"The injured victims were rushed to St Joseph Hospital where four were confirmed dead by the doctor on duty and their corpses deposited at the hospital morgue."

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