

① Two die, five injured in Anambra crash

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TWO persons were killed and five wounded as a truck rammed into an articulated commercial bus on Onitsha-Awka Expressway in Anambra State.

The crash occurred Sunday around 8.45pm, it was learnt. An eyewitness said the bus driver lost control and ran into the stationary truck from behind.

"The truck driver had abandoned the vehicle after it developed a fault and placed a caution sign at the front and rear.

"But the bus driver who was at top speed rammed into the truck from the rear and crashed," the witness said.

Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Corps Commander Adeoye Irelewuyi, confirmed the crash, attributing it to road obstruction and excessive speed.

He said the deceased had been deposited at the mortuary, while the injured were taken to hospital for medical attention.

While condoling with the deceased's families and wishing the injured quick recovery, Irelewuyi warned motorists to desist from speeding and ensure they kept to recommended speed limit.

He said said, "Unidentified driver of a Mack truck with registration: FKJ22XJ number and a Toyota Hiace bus with registration number: GDD68ZP was involved in a fatal road traffic crash today 14th August, 2022 at about 20:45hrs.

"Probable cause of the crash was Road Obstruction and excessive Speed.

"12 people compromising 8 male adults and 4 female adults were involved in the crash. 5 people compromising 3 male adults and 2 female adults sustained varying degrees of injury. 2 male adults were killed.

"FRSC first responders from RS5.33 Nteje Unit Command took the injured victims to yet to be confirmed hospital, while the dead victims were taken to New Word mortuary Nteje."

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