

Nine killed in Enugu-Ebonyi road accident

- Gunmen kidnap nine passengers in Rivers

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Nine persons were killed yesterday in a multiple crash involving three vehicles along the Abakaliki-Enugu road.

The accident, it was gathered, was as a result of wrongful overtaking by one of the vehicles.

Seven persons died on the spot while two more died at the hospital, it was learnt.

Four others sustained various degrees of injury and are receiving treatment at the hospital.

The incident occurred at Idodo junction axis of the highway which is in Nkanu East local government area.

However, due to its closeness to the border with Ebonyi State, officials of the Ebonyi Command of the Federal Road Safety Commission were among the first responders.

The accident involved a gold coloured Toyota Sienna bus marked ENU976SC, a white coloured Toyota Hiace Bus – XT610LSR and a green colored Mark truck.

FRSC Sector Commander in charge of Ebonyi Command, Uche Chukwurah said 13 persons were involved in the crash, 10 males and three females.

She said: “The initial seven dead victims were deposited at Chidex mortuary Idodo while four victims were taken to Alex Ekwueme Federal University Teaching Hospital AE-FUTHA (three males and 1female) adults.

“Two males were later confirmed dead and were deposited at AE-FUTHA mortuary. One male and one Female are still receiving treatment at AE-FUTHA, two male adults were also taken to Eziulo hospital and are also receiving treatment,” she said.

The Sector Commander noted that eight of the dead were males while one was a female.

In a related development, nine passengers of a commercial bus have been kidnapped along the Emuoha axis of the East-West road in Rivers State.

The Emuoha-Kalabari road has been under siege by gunmen, who hijack vehicles and kidnapping travellers.

An indigene of Odegu community in Emuoha Local government A, Prince Chukwu, said the latest incident occurred Wednesday night in a boundary between Evekwu and Rumuodogo within Emohua Local Government Area of the state.

Chukwu said the gunmen intercepted the bus, ordered all passengers and the driver out of the vehicle and diverted them into a nearby bush.

He said before policemen, who got a distress call arrived the scene, they had fled with their captives