

# Five die in Anambra road accident



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Five passengers were killed at the weekend in a lone auto crash at Abatete, Idemili North Local Government Area of [Anambra State](#).

The accident which occurred on Saturday night, involved a commercial Toyota Sienna bus with registration number NZM814ZL.

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An eyewitness, Jude Onwuchekwe, said some of the victims were trapped in and under the vehicle, adding that bodies littered the floor before rescuers evacuated the occupants.

“The driver was on top speed when he suddenly lost control, crashed into a ditch and somersaulted multiple times. Just imagine how he wasted the

lives of his passengers while he himself survived,” he lamented.



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The Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Adeoye Irelewuyi, confirmed the incident, saying five adults died and the lone survivor sustained injuries.

Attributing the cause of the crash to speed, Irelewuyi said the vehicle somersaulted thrice after the driver negotiated a bend while on speed.

He said: “One unidentified driver was involved in a fatal road traffic crash at Onitsha-Ogidi-Abatete Old Road, Eke-Agu Market area on August 12, at about 16:25hrs.

“Six people comprising four male adults and two female adults were involved in the crash. The injured victim was one male. Three male and two female adults were killed.

“Further information from the station officer at Ogidi police station revealed that the crash actually happened yesterday and that six persons were involved of which the driver is the only survival.

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“Three among the bodies were deposited at Ahufus hospital/moutuary Abatete while the other two were deposited at Iyi- Enu General Hospital, Ogidi.”