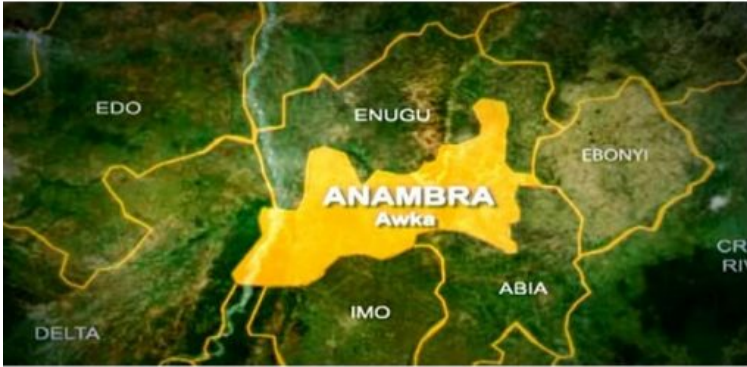


# Five die as trailer rams into Anambra park



No fewer than five persons, including children died on Friday night in a crash in Amichi in Nnewi South Local Government Area of **Anambra State**.

A speeding tipper loaded with sand was said to have crashed into a crowd along the busy Nnewi-Ideato express road by Chisco Park Junction following loss of control.

The accident, which occurred around 7:30 pm was said to have claimed life of a middle-aged man who just buried his late father preparing for Thanksgiving service on Sunday.

A trending videos from the scene and CCTV footage of the crash showed people in their usual night time activities when the tipper rammed into them.

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The footage showed several of the victims lying on the floor, including motorcyclists, bystanders and petty traders.

President General of Obiagu Amichi, Chief Chinedu Nzekwe who confirmed the incident said the community was yet to ascertain exact number of casualties.

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"The scene of the accident is the center of three kindreds that are part of Obiagu village, namely Ebenato, Okpara and Uhuachi.

"The other victims were rushed to the nearby hospitals and information reaching me revealed they are responding to treatment," he said.

Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in the State, Joyce Alexander also confirmed the crash, putting the casualty figure at five.

She said she had visited the scene of the incident and hospitals where victims were responding to treatment.

"I was away in Abuja when the incident occurred and quickly rushed back to visit the scene myself and ascertain exactly what happened.

"I've spoken with all the relevant authorities and will soon issue a statement on the crash," she said.