

## Seven die as fuel tanker smashes tricycle in Akwa Ibom

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NO fewer than seven people including schoolchildren have been confirmed dead at the failed portion of the Calabar-Itu Road in Itu Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State on Monday.

It was learnt one side of the dual carriageway was still under repairs, forcing motorists, including tricycle and motorcycle operators to ply the free lane.

According to Etim Asuquo,

a motorcyclist, the congestion on the free lane increased the traffic leading to the accident as the fuel truck rammed into the approaching tricycle from the opposite direction resulting in the accident.

Confirming the incident, the state sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ogah Ochi, said officers of the command have since been drafted to the scene for effective traffic regulation.