


Six killed in Anambra, Kogi auto accidents

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 **A** commercial bus driver and a female sachet water hawker have been killed in an accident that occurred on the Awka-Onitsha expressway, in Upper Iweka, Onitsha, Anambra State.

The crash, which occurred on Thursday, involved four vehicles, a truck, two commercial buses and a private car.

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An eyewitness said the truck, laden with building materials, crashed into three stationary vehicles on the highway following a brake failure.

The source said the driver of one of the affected buses who sat inside waiting for his turn to load, and a girl hawking sachet water along the road, were killed by the truck.

Confirming the accident, sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Adeoye Irelewuyi, attributed the crash to

loss of control and brake failure.

He said: "A fatal road traffic crash occurred in front of Adam and Eve Motors in Upper Iweka on the Awka-Onitsha expressway today, June 2, at about 3:35 p.m.

"The crash involved four persons comprising three male adults and one female adult.

"Two persons, a driver and a pedestrian hawking sachet water, were killed, while one male adult was injured.

"The injured victim was taken to Toronto Hospital for treatment, while the bodies of the deceased were deposited at the morgue of the same hospital by FRSC rescue team from RS5.31A Upper Iweka Outpost Command."

Also, another accident close to the Government House, on the Emugu-Onitsha expressway in Awka claimed one life.

The identity of the victim is yet to be ascertained. **Nigerian Tribune** gathered that the victim,

who was travelling on a motorcycle and was heading towards Onitsha axis, was hit by a car.

In Kogi State, three persons, including a 15-year-old student, lost their lives on the Zango-Lokoja road when a truck hit a commercial tricycle.

An eyewitness, Mr Mike Adejoh, said the incident occurred at about 8:00 a.m.

He said the driver of the truck immediately fled the scene after the accident.

When contacted,

the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP William Ovyeye-Aya, confirmed the incident.

He added that investigation into the cause of the accident had already commenced.

Also, the sector commander of the FRSC in the state, Stephen Dawulung, confirmed the incident.

The FRSC boss said personnel of the command deposited the bodies of the victims at the Federal Medical Centre's mortuary.

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