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# Eight die in Abia road accident

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EIGHT passengers traveling in an 18-seater bus have lost their lives in a accident in Abia State.

Several other passengers who were also injured in the accident were rushed to hospital for treatment.

The road accident, which occurred near Umuikaa junction along the Enugu-Aba-Port Harcourt Expressway, involved a white commercial bus belonging to Egbon Investment Transport Limited.

An eyewitness said the accident happened at about 7:00 a.m. when the bus crashed into a parked truck along the expressway.

The eyewitness added that the accident might

have been caused by poor visibility due to the early morning harmattan haze.

"I was displaying my goods for sale in the morning when I suddenly heard the sound of a crash and when I turned, I saw that a bus had crashed into a trailer and people were crying and shouting for help from inside the bus.

"Sympathisers broke the doors of the bus to rescue the passengers. Sadly, eight of them died and others were wounded seriously," said the eyewitness.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Abia State Command, Paul Ugwu, could not be reached for comments on the accident as of the time of filing this report.