

12 die in auto crash

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A total of 12 people were on Sunday killed in road accident, which occurred at Ngor Okpalla, along the busy Owerri-Aba road in Imo State.

It was gathered that the accident involved a trailer with registration number XM341PHC, which was carrying cement from Aba and a commercial bus, with registration number XA553NWA that was said to be on its way to Aba.

The Imo State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Mr. Zakari Ndah, confirmed the accident on the telephone to our correspondent.

He said that the driver of the trailer, who was dangerously overtaking another vehicle, lost control and

rammed into the commercial vehicle.

He said that the bus, which was dragged along the way for some metres, somersaulted and caught fire, thereby killing the 10 passengers, the driver and the conductor on the spot.

Ndah said that the corpses of the victims of the accident had since been deposited at the mortuary of the Federal Medical Centre, Owerri.

He added that the driver of the trailers who abandoned the vehicle and escaped, had not been caught as at the time of filing this report.

He said that the men of the command who were dispatched quickly to the accident scene to carry out a rescue operation worked alongside some policemen from the area who assisted in evacuating the bodies.