

Two die in sallah accident in Anambra

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TWO people were feared dead on Tuesday near Abba Junction along the Onitsha - Enugu Expressway, when a passenger bus in which they were travelling had a burst tyre and somersaulted.

The accident occurred at about 3.30pm and it involved an 18-seater bus marked XB 444 TKP, belonging to Peace Mass Transit.

The driver of the bus, Mr. Michael Okafor, said the left hind tyre got burst while the bus was on top speed.

The incident resulted in the bus somersaulting and veering off the road, trapping the occupants who were travelling to Abakaliki and Enugu.

Scraps and the debris of the bus and its contents littered the path through which it veered off the road.

All the passengers, including the driver, were critically wounded and they had to be taken away to

nearby hospitals in Awka.

All the occupants of the bus had head injuries and bloodstains over their bodies.

Two of the cases were said to have been so serious.

But doctors were yet to confirm their state of health as at the time of filing this

report.

The police from the Ukpoko Police Station arrived later to tow the bus to their station amidst jeers by sympathisers who felt the police ought to have attended to the injured first before taking the bus as exhibit.

Oyo police smashes

Akin Oyedele, Ibadan

THE Oyo State Police Command, on Tuesday, paraded an armed robbery suspect, Chibuike Wango, who allegedly sells juice in the day on the streets of Lagos but belongs to a six-member gang of notorious armed robbers.

The police said the suspect was caught during a gun duel between the gang and policemen at the Ibadan end of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway around 12.30am on Tuesday.

Wango and his gang were said to have laid siege to the expressway for several hours

where they allegedly demanded *Sallah* gift from travellers before they were smashed.

Although five of the gang members allegedly escaped with bullet wounds, the Deputy Police Public Relations Officer at the command, Mr. Abayomi Adeniji, said the paraded suspect was unlucky.

He said two dummy guns, including one AK-47, a pistol and other lethal weapons were recovered from the scene.

Among the victims of the robbery incident was a trailer driver coming to Ibadan from Lagos, Ismaila Fadeji, who