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Sesan Olufowobi,

• Ojokoro Magistrate Court   *File photo*

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A 43-year-old man, Kamolu Oguntowo, has been duped after allegedly paying a sum of N1.3m to a car dealer, Victor Opebiyi, with a view to acquiring two Lexus, RX 300. Oguntowo had reportedly paid the sum in installment between

Katchy spoke just as the Vice Chairman of the Onitsha Newspaper Distribution, Directors Association, Emmanuel Uwakwe, told *PUNCH Metro* that four members of the body were among the dead.

Katchy said, "The state Governor, Willie Obiano, shortly after visiting the scene on Sunday, gave a directive to the management of Toronto Hospital, which is not far from here, to give proper medical attention to all the injured victims of the incident at the expense of the government."

The Senator-elect for Anambra Central Senatorial District, Uche Ekwunife, who was at the scene on Monday, described the incident as a national disaster.

Ekwunife promised to propose a legislation that would put an end to unnecessary loss of lives and property on the highways.

She said, "It is unfortunate that we continue to lose our loved ones in such careless manner. I want to express my deepest condolence to the families that lost their loved ones in this incident. I promise to make legislation along with my fellow senators that would put an end to horrible incidents on Nigerian roads."

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Relatives of the victims besieged various hospitals in the area on Monday in search of their members.

In Onitsha General Hospital, a medical worker, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said those admitted to the emergency and accident unit of the hospital had been transferred to the Chukwuemeka Odumegwu-Ojukwu

University Teaching Hospital, Awka, the state capital.

At the hospital, the leadership of the Movement for the Actualisation of Sovereign State of Biafra in Anambra North Local

• Scene of the inferno   *File photo*