

22 die in Anambra truck accident

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NO fewer than 22 persons including five masquerades were crushed to death in a truck accident in Umuchu, Aguata Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The accident occurred at about 7.30pm on Sunday.

The truck, it was gathered, lost control as a result of brake failure and rammed into a crowd of indigenes of the area, who were celebrating this year's New Yam Festival.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Ali Okechukwu, confirmed 11 dead and 21 injured in the crash.

Okechukwu said the dead bodies had been deposited in nearby morgue while the injured persons had been taken to hospitals for treatment.

But an eyewitness told our correspondent that 17 persons and five