

10 die in Anambra auto crash

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No fewer than 10 persons died on Tuesday in an auto crash while 15 others sustained varying degrees of injuries at Upper Iweka, Onitsha, Anambra State.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that the crash occurred when a truck rammed into commercial motorbike operators, hawkers and other commuters at the Asaba Park at Upper Iweka.

“The victims were behind the Asaba park along the busy Onitsha/Asaba Expressway carrying out their businesses outside the park since it has been fenced by the state government following a previous accident in the park that claimed about 60 lives,” he said.

The driver of the truck, it was gathered, had lost control of the vehicle when its break failed while descending the expressway from the Army barracks axis and rammed into the victims.

The identity of some of the victims could not be immediately ascertained as all effort was geared towards taking the injured to the hospitals.

When contacted, the Fegge Divisional Police Officer, Mr. Rabi Garba, confirmed the accident, but declined to give the casualty figure.

The corpses of the victims were said to have been deposited at St. Charles Borromeo and Toronto hospitals in Onitsha.

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