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Two-year-old boy killed in Abakaliki inferno

Eric Dumo with agency report

two-year-old boy was on Thursday killed in an inferno at Ekuluobia Street Kpiripiri, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State, the News Agency of Nigeria reported on Friday.

The fire, which started at about 9:50 am, destroyed 15 rooms including refrigerators,

electronics, documents and several other items.

Mr. Stanley Nze, a victim and caretaker of the house, lamented the fire outbreak.

He said, "There was an electricity spark and within seconds there was fire everywhere. I have lost all my documents to fire. We have 24 rooms in all but 15 were burnt with no items rescued. The most painful is a two- year-old

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boy that died in the fire."

Meanwhile, the Federal Road Safety Corps in Ebonyi on Friday said only four persons died in Wednesday's multiple auto crashes on the Enugu-Abakaliki Highway as against the 19 reported by some sections of the media.

The Ebonyi Sector Commander of the Corps, Mr. Sunday Iyamah, told newsmen in Abakaliki that the reports were mischievous and meant to mislead the public.

He said, "My officers

incident as only four people died in the two separate accidents while 23 persons were injured.

"The accidents occurred at the Ezillo-Rice Mill Junction and Ejemco Filling Station axis of the highway," he said.

Iyamah said that the accidents occurred on the day the FRSC organised a rally for motorists on the dangers of drunk-driving.

He urged motorists to always obey traffic regulations to save lives on the roads, especially in