

Five killed, many injured in Anambra crash

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No fewer than five persons died on Tuesday in an auto crash at Upper Iweka in Onitsha, Anambra State.

Many others sustained varying degrees of injury and were rushed to nearby hospitals.

The crash involved a truck laden with goods, two commercial tricycles and a car.

As of the time of filing this story, many people were still trapped in the wreckage.

The state Sector Public Education Officer, Federal Road Safety Corps, Pascal Anigbo, confirmed the accident to our correspondent.

“A fatal road traffic crash has just been reported at Upper Iweka, Onitsha. Five persons are already confirmed dead, while others are injured. Rescue operation is ongoing,” he stated.

Anigbo said the acting FRSC Unit Commander in Onitsha had contacted a private firm for the use of its crane to assist in the rescue.

He attributed the accident to brake failure on the part of the truck.

Anigbo stated, “Security agencies are there; the army, the police and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps; everybody is there to prevent looting, mob action and to control traffic.

“The number of casualties may exceed five from what is on the ground now, because many people are still trapped, but five have been confirmed dead.”