

Two killed as lorry crashes into Anambra motor park

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Two persons were, on Wednesday, crushed to death when a tipper lorry crashed into a motor park in Upper Iweka, Onitsha, Anambra State.

Several others, who sustained varying degrees of injury in the crash, were rushed to a nearby hospital.

It was gathered that the tipper lorry driver lost control as the vehicle suffered brake failure and rammed into the park, leaving scores injured.

An eyewitness told our correspondent, “Scores of people were injured in the accident. I counted no fewer than 15 persons, who were taken to hospital by security agents. They were badly injured. Two persons died on the spot.”

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Haruna Mohammed, confirmed the crash to our correspondent.

He said the corpses of the victims had been deposited in the mortuary for post-mortem examination, while the tipper lorry driver had been arrested.

Mohammed stated, “A 911 tipper lorry with number plate XA 445 NSK, driven by one Okafor Patrick Ndubuisi, 55, of Ogbauru Street, Okpoko, lost control while on motion along the Enugu/Onitsha Expressway by the defunct NITEL, Onitsha, and crashed into the PN Emerah Park. As a result, eight persons sustained varying degrees of injury.

“Police operatives attached to the CPS Onitsha quickly mobilised to the scene and rushed the victims to the Toronto Hospital, where the doctor on duty pronounced two female victims dead, while six others are responding to treatment.

“Meanwhile, the corpses have been deposited in the mortuary for post-mortem examination and the obstruction has been cleared to enable free flow of traffic.

“The driver was arrested and the case is under investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident.”

The command asked members of the public, whose relations’ whereabouts could not be ascertained, to check the Toronto Hospital for possible identification of the victims.

The state Sector Public Education Officer, Federal Road Safety Corps, Pascal Anigbo, who also confirmed the crash, blamed it on brake failure.