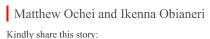
## Speeding drivers kill five in Delta, Anambra crashes

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FILE: FRSC officials at an accident scene











Three persons have been confirmed dead in an accident in the Ugheli area of Delta State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the accident happened on Sunday along Evwreni axis of the East West Road, in the Ughelli North Local Government Area of the state.

It involved a Volkswagen Golf, a tipper and one other vehicle.

It was learnt that the deceased were first taken to the emergency unit of the Ughelli Central Hospital by men of the Ughelli unit of the Federal Road Safety Corps, where they were confirmed dead by the doctor on duty.

An eyewitness, who asked to be identified only as Edafe, said both the tipper and the Volkswagen Golf were coming from the same direction.

He said, "Due to the traffic along the lane, the Golf driver tried to beat the traffic when he saw an oncoming vehicle in the opposite direction. In the process of trying to avoid the vehicle, the driver swerved back to his lane with speed and hit the tipper.

"I was coming with my passenger between Unenurhe and Evwreni when I saw the gridlock; I came down to see what was happening, then I saw the accident. Some of them were shouting for help; I dropped my passengers and rescued only one person.

"That is the one in Calvary Hospital.

"When I got to the hospital, the workers seized me that I was not going to leave the place, that I was the only one they knew. I tried to call the people with the phone I saw."

Confirming the accident, the FRSC Ughelli Unit Commander, Ikechukwu Okwo, said three persons died while one was injured.

He said, "We received a distress call about a crash along Ughelli/Patani Road and then we dispatched a team of our rescue officers and marshals to carry out the rescue and then along the line we discovered that three people were confirmed dead.

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"The three persons were carried to a general hospital where the doctor confirmed them dead. One of the victims was rescued alive and taken to the hospital."

Okwo attributed the accident to speed violation and advised commuters to be wary of the vehicles they boarded during this festive season.

In a related development, two persons have lost their lives in an accident at the Nteje-Oyi Bridge by Nteje-Otuocha Road, Oyi LGA of Anambra State.

- The crash, which happened on Sunday around 1pm, involved three unidentified drivers of a private Volkswagen golf, a commercial bus and a commercial motorcycle.
- It was gathered that 11 persons were involved in the crash comprising eight male adults and three female adults.
- While three people sustained varying degrees of injury, two people died, consisting of a bus passenger and the bike rider.
- According to eyewitnesses, the crash was caused by speeding and overtaking.
- The acting Sector Public Education Officer, FRSC, Margaret Onabe, confirmed the incident.
- She said, "The sector Commander, Corps Commander Adeoye Irelewuyi, commiserated with the families of the dead victims and sent his prayers to the injured.

"He warned motorists to desist from speeding and wrongful overtaking, especially during this festive period that the road is busy."