

Container crushes five women to death in Anambra

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The Federal Road Safety Corps Anambra Sector Command, has said five women were killed when a container fell on a commercial bus at Odumodu junction, Nteje-Awka, Anambra State.

The state Sector Commander, Mr Adeoye Irelewuyi, confirmed the incident to journalists in Awka on Friday, adding that the container fell off a trailer and crushed the nearby bus.

City Round gathered that the accident occurred at 7:30 a.m. when the drivers avoided a bad portion of the road.

Irelewuyi said, “The accident occurred at 7:30 a.m. as the driver was avoiding a failed portion of the road. The fatal crash involved two unidentified drivers of a Mitsubishi L300 commercial bus with registration number XE245AWK and a commercial Daf/Leyland truck with number T-19094LA.

“According to eyewitnesses, the vehicles were headed to different locations; one to Awka and the other to Onitsha. When the vehicles got to the bad spot at the same time, and due to the weight of the container, it fell on the bus.”

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Irelewuyi sympathised with the families of the victims in the accident and disclosed that 10 persons – three male adults and seven female adults – were involved in the crash

“Five women were killed. Two men and two women sustained injuries, while one man was rescued unhurt. The FRSC rescue team took the injured victims to Divine Care Hospital, Umunya, while the dead victims were taken to Chira Hospital for doctor’s confirmation before the bodies were deposited at New Jerusalem Mortuary in Nteje,” he added.

The acting Sector Public Education Officer for the Federal Road Safety Corps, Margaret Onabe, confirmed the accident in a statement on Friday, noting that “the sector commander in collaboration with the unit commander in Nteje is making efforts to remove the obstruction caused by the crash.”

In a statement signed by the Corps Spokesperson, Bisi Kazeem on Friday, also called on fleet and other commercial vehicle operators, to exercise caution and be conscious of their environments whenever they drive and also to avoid driving against the stipulated speed limit on all roads.