

Five burnt to death, 11 injured in A'ibom auto crash

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FRSC rescue team at a road accident scene

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Five persons have been confirmed dead and 11 others injured in a fatal auto crash that occurred on Saturday, along the Calabar-Itu highway in Cross River State.

The accident which occurred at about 3 p.m. was between a Nissan Caravan with registration number GWB532XY and a Mark Truck with no registration number.

This was according to a statement issued by the Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Akwa Ibom Command, Mr Matthew Olonisaye, on Sunday.

The statement signed by the Public Enlightenment Officer of the command, Mr Paul James, adding that the accident could have been avoided if the motorists had adhered to safety regula

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“A fatal crash occurred on Saturday, December 2, 2023, along the Itu-Calabar Road by Ayadehe at about 1510hrs.

“The crash involved a Nissan Caravan with Registration number GWB532XY and a Mark Truck with NO registration number.

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“Eleven males and five females were involved, and three out of the five females and two out of the 11 males involved were confirmed dead, while the remaining 11 male and female occupants sustained injuries of various degrees.

”When the report of the incident was received, the FRSC operatives mobilised and moved over to attend to the situation. Upon arrival at the crash scene, the injured ones were moved to nearby hospitals for prompt medical attention while the bodies of the deceased were deposited at the morgue.

“When an inquiry was made as to the cause of the crash, it was gathered that the causal factor to the crash was speed-related according to eyewitnesses. After evacuation of the victims, the road was cleared of the wreckages to enable free-flow of traffic.”

Meanwhile, the sector commander warned road users especially motorists against speeding, wrong-way drive and indiscriminate parking.

While reiterating the need for safety consciousness among drivers, the sector commander advised passengers to ensure that drivers were not ignored when deviance to road safety is observed.

He commiserated with the families of the deceased, and wished the injured quick recovery.



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