

11 killed in Abia road crash

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 FRSC rescue team at a road accident scene

The Federal Road Safety Corps, Abia State Sector Command, on Wednesday night, confirmed a road traffic crash that occurred at Arungwa Village, opposite Arab Contractors Construction Company on the Port Harcourt-Enugu Expressway.

According to the Abia FRSC Corps Commander, Ngozi Ezeoma, in a statement issued late Wednesday, “The crash involving a Nissan Caravan commercial bus with registration number SSM 320 ZR, colour white, conveying 19 persons (eight male adults and 11 female adults travelling to Enugu rammed into a HOWO commercial truck with registration number T2828LA, colour yellow.

“A combined rescue team from the FRSC RS 9.31 Aba and RS 9.32 km78 Aba Unit Commands arrived at the scene of the crash within five minutes of notice and conducted rescue operations.

“As of the time of the crash, 10 persons (five male adults and five female adults) were injured while nine persons (four male adults and five female adults) died on the spot. The injured victims were taken to the hospital in Aba, while the the dead victims were taken to the mortuary.

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“During a hospital follow-up on the crash victims, it was discovered that one male adult and one female adult died this evening, while one of the victims was referred to the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia.

“With this latest event, a total of 11 persons (five male adults and six female adults) are confirmed dead and eight persons (four male adults and four female adults) are confirmed injured.

“Preliminary investigation revealed that the cause of the crash was excessive speed. Further update on the cause(s) of the crash will be communicated as soon as the FRSC Crash Investigators conclude on the investigation.