

# Child, three others killed in Abia auto crash

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The accident scene. Photo: FRSC Abia sector

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The Federal Road Safety Corps, Abia State Command, on Thursday, confirmed that four lives, including that of a child, were lost in a ghastly auto crash that occurred at Ntigha, Isiala Ngwa North, on Tuesday morning.

According to the Sector Commander, Ngozi Ezeonu, “One female child died at the spot as confirmed on reaching the hospital. In the course of our hospital follow-up on the victims who were carried to the hospital, we discovered that another three females later died, making it four people over the crash.”

Earlier on Wednesday, the FRSC, Abia Command Public Relations Officer, Kelechi Igbonekwu, said 14 persons were injured in the accident, with nine being adult males and five adult females.

According to him, the accident happened about 11.40 am at Ntigha, along the Enugu-Port Harcourt Road in Abia State, disclosing that the lone accident involved an 18-seater Hiace with registration number, MBA 124 XB, which had a burst tyre, which caused it to somersault into a nearby bush.

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A source identified simply as Chinaza, near the scene of the accident, told our correspondent that the vehicle left Ebonyi State to Aba that morning, adding, “There was a loud bang from a burst tyre which caused the vehicle to somersault, causing fatalities.”

Another source, who spoke with *PUNCH Metro*, said a few minutes after the incident, the Abia State Emergency Response Team, led by Obioma Analaba, was sent to help, rescue and evacuate the victims to nearby hospitals.

The Sector Commander, Ngozi Ezeonu, used the opportunity to advise drivers to strictly abide by the prevailing driving rules in the state in particular and Nigerians in general.

