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## NEWS:

### Auto-crash claims 9 on Onne road

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It was indeed a sad day for the families of nine persons who left their homes like others to look for their daily bread along Onne road outside the skirts of Port Harcourt.

They did not know that circumstances beyond their control was awaiting them on Monday, May 23.

At exactly 9.30pm, a black Infinity Jeep was seen coming back from Onne in Eleme local government area while the victims with others were sitting in a canteen, popularly known as "Make shift canteens."

The Port Harcourt Telegraph gathered that on the spot, nine persons died while four others mostly men sustained serious injuries.

As the dead bodies were removed, those who sustained injuries were taken to Teme Clinic for treatment.

Those who observed what happened attributed the fatal accident to recklessness and over-speeding on the part of the driver.

Others came up with the opinion that the driver might be sleeping on the steering, a situation that had caused fatal accidents in recent past.

Confirming the incident to our reporter, the Police Public Relations Officer of Rivers State Command Dr. (Mrs) Rita Inoma Abbey, said the driver of the said Jeep has escaped to an unknown destination, maintaining that efforts were being intensified to track him down.

She, however, called on car owners to always check the condition of their vehicles before embarking on any journey to avoid any unforeseen situations that might affect the lives of people.

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