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Auto crash claims 2 lives in Abia

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Two persons were confirmed dead and several others injured in an auto crash involving a luxury bus and a Toyota Hiace bus along the Umuahia axis of the Enugu/Port Harcourt Expressway.

The luxury bus with registration number Anambra: XE 506 JJT, with the inscription "God Bless Ezenwata (Nig) Ltd" and an Abia Line 18-seater Hummer bus, with registration number ABIA XE 338 UMA were travelling in the same direction when the accident occurred less than two kilometres to Ubakala, an Umuahia suburb.

An eye witness stated that the driver of the luxury bus, who was on top speed, attempted to overtake the Abia Line bus and in the process hit it from the rear while the smaller bus, fully loaded with passengers somersaulted several times before resting on its roof by the median of the expressway.

The driver of the luxury bus, who was not hurt was said to have taken to his heels immediately the accident occurred.

It took the efforts of the combined team of the police, personnel of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and sympathisers to upturn the bus and rescue passengers trapped inside.

When Daily Sun visited the scene of the accident, people were seen milling around the mangled bus and discussing about the fate of its passengers who had been evacuated to hospitals in Umuahia.

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