

## Yam trader dies in auto crash

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It was a double tragedy for Onitsha Yam Traders yesterday when some members of the group operating under the auspices of Ose Okweodu Yam Traders Association were involved in an accident and lost one of their members.

The yam traders were travelling from Onitsha to Izzi in Ebonyi State when their vehicle skidded off the road and fell by the road side, killing one of them while three others were seriously injured.

A member of the group, who simply gave his name as John, told Daily Sun that the accident was due to the recklessness of the driver whom they hired at Onitsha to take them to Abakiliki for a wake-keep yesterday in preparation for the burial today.

He said that the driver ignored all their warnings and drove dangerously until they got to a spot between Aroma Junction and Government House, Awka, where the accident occurred.

According to him, the driver was trying to overtake another vehicle at that point despite the bad nature of the road and when he could not, the vehicle skidded off the road and fell into the gully caused by erosion.

He said the group was heading to Ebonyi State for the burial of the mother of one of their members scheduled for today.

"This is indeed a double tragedy and we have lost a member. As it stands, we are not likely to continue the journey because we have been devastated by the ugly incident," he said.

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