

Road accident claims 15 lives

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No fewer than 15 people died yesterday in a motor accident that occurred at the Onitsha end of the Enugu/Onitsha Expressway.

The accident, which occurred at about 2pm involved a MAC lorry which was conveying chippings for a construction company working on the expressway and a 14-seater Mitsubishi bus conveying passengers from Onitsha to Enugu.

Daily Sun gathered that the bus had loaded to capacity at Upper Iweka in Onitsha.

It was also gathered that both the driver and the conductor of the commuter bus were among those who lost their lives in the crash.

According to eyewitness account, the only survivors were a woman and her little child.

When Daily Sun visited the Onitsha tollgate area where the accident happened, both the MAC lorry and the shattered Mitsubishi bus were still there, while members of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) were on hand to ensure free flow of vehicular movement.

The bus had been pushed to one side of the road, while the lorry was at the centre of the road, thereby causing gridlock on the road as traffic on the other side was blocked for the ongoing construction work.

Meanwhile, the survivors who sustained minor injuries had been taken to Iyieniu Hospital in Ogidi.

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