

Four die in Anambra auto crash

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Four persons were feared dead on Thursday at Okija in Ihiala Local Government Area of Anambra State when a commercial bus fully loaded with about eighteen passengers, according to an eyewitness, lost control along Onitsha-Owerri express way.

An eyewitness said the bus loaded with passengers suspected to be hoteliers from the Rivers State enroute Ibadan in Oyo State lost control when its front tyre burst at top speed. The victims who died instantly were one girl and two boys, according to the officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Ihiala while nine passengers were seriously injured and were rushed to a nearby hospital by the FRSC members for treatment.

The accident which happened around 10:45am on Thursday caused heavy human and vehicular traffic jam along the ever busy Onitsha-Owerri highway as the FRSC official had hectic period clearing and controlling the traffic.

Meanwhile, FRSC, Ihiala unit under the command of Assistant Corps Commander (ACC), Mr. Asanya Daniel Nnamdi recently took road safety campaign to Ihiala High Court where officers and men of the corps addressed judges and other members of the Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), Ihiala branch on road safety tips.

Nnamdi told members of the judiciary at the court room of Ihiala High Court 1 at the weekend that the application of safety devices while on the highway was no respecter of persons "as recklessness while driving, that is, without obeying safety rules can lead to road accidents and death."