

2 perish in Ebonyi auto crash

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No fewer than two persons died in an auto crash while 15 others sustained injuries yesterday at Ezillo in Ishielu Local Govern-

ment Area of Ebonyi State.

It was gathered that an Enugu-bound bus belonging to Enugu State Transport Company (ENTRACO) that was going to Enugu and another commercial bus that was coming from Nkalagu to Abakaliki, the state capital,

had a head-on collision leading to deaths and injuries.

The Acting Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in Ebonyi State, Mr. N.C. Ibekwe, who confirmed the crash, said the victims were 17 persons in two vehicles

and that the two drivers died, while 15 passengers sustained various degrees of injuries.

He identified the affected vehicles as a Toyota Haice belonging to ENTRACO with registration No. XH 759 KTU Lagos and a Toyota Haice bus belonging to AMEN Mass Transit with registration No. AFK 195 XA.

Ibekwe said the cause of the accident was over speeding and warned motorists to desist from the act and dangerous over-taking while driving, in order to save the lives of the passengers and other road users.

The sector commander, however, said the other victims of the accident were taken to private hospitals, Felix and Christ the King hospitals, because the doctors in public hospitals were on strike.

Transporter tasks Jonathan on road repairs

By CHRISTOPHER OJI

Director of Abia City Transport Service Limited in Lagos, Chief Christopher Chukwuyere-Ogbaka has commended the delegates to the National Conference for recommending the creation of additional 18 states in the country.

The transporter, who spoke yesterday at a press briefing

on the state of the eastern roads in his office in Jibowu area of Lagos, said the advocacy by the South-East delegates for additional states was a welcome development as states in the zone had suffered serious under development.

Chief Ogbaka said he had followed with keen interest, the debate from the outset and discovered that the conference was not a waste as some contentious and serious

issues had been addressed. "The national debate has addressed the mind of Nigerians. We are really happy that most issues troubling us have been discussed," he said.

Ogbaka thanked President Goodluck Jonathan for his wisdom in initiating the National Conference. "I want to thank our president for his wisdom in initiating and implementing his promise to constitute the National Conference," he said.