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Another trailer accident kills 3 in Onitsha

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While residents of Onitsha in Anambra State were yet to get over the shock of losing several lives in a petrol tanker fire last Sunday, three people were again crushed to death yesterday evening at the same Upper Iweka area of the town. Several others were also injured in the incident.

Three vehicles, an 18-seater bus and two private cars were seriously damaged when a trailer descending from the Upper Iweka flyover, rammed into one of the buses and threw the driver and the passengers into the gutter near the former Ekeson Motor Park.

Though eyewitnesses differed on how the accident happened, they stated that people wanted to engage in violent protest at the scene.

A version of the account attributed the accident to brake failure but many told Daily Sun that it was caused by drivers of two lorries, who were competing for right of way on the expressway.

In the process, one of the drivers swerved to the side of the road hitting other vehicles.

Three of the injured victims of the crash, conveyed on wheelbarrows to the nearby Toronto Hospital, were later pronounced dead.

ICPC interrogates