

Cross River: 45 die in auto crash in 2 months

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NO fewer than 45 persons died in motor accidents along the Calabar-Itu and Calabar-Odukpani-Ikom federal highways in Cross River State in the last two months.

Statistics obtained from the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in the State

showed that early last month, seven persons in a Port-Harcourt-bound commercial bus with registration number LSR-813XS Lagos died in an auto crash along the Calabar-Odukpani high-way just as 16 persons travelling to Ogoja from Calabar for a ceremony lost their lives same month.

Also, about a week ago,

five persons died after a red Toyota saloon car plunged into a river in Adim axis of the highway in Biase Local Government Area of the state, while nine persons died in another accident involving two commercial buses and a truck along the Odukpani axis of the federal highway penultimate week.

It was also gathered that

eight persons lost their lives at the weekend, in another auto crash involving a truck and four other vehicles at a bad spot along Calabar - Itu federal highway.

Sector commander of the FRSC in the state, Mr. Ikechukwu Igwe, confirmed that five vehicles were involved in the accident.