

One dead, 29 injured in two auto crashes in Delta

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ONE person has been confirmed dead while 29 others sustained injuries in two separate accidents at the Ughelli axis of the East-West Road, Delta State.

Confirming the two incidents yesterday, Public Relations Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ughelli unit command, Chinyere Ngwu, said one of the accidents occurred a few kilometres from SETRACO yard, involving an 18-seater Toyota bus with registration number XA 595 PTN. It was gathered that the bus had rammed into a trailer parked by the roadside.

A sympathiser, Mr. Sunny Onabedje, who joined others in rescuing victims to the Ughelli Central Hospital, said one of the female passengers died at the hospital before she could get medical attention.

Giving details of the second accident, which occurred earlier, a staff of the hospital disclosed that the accident occurred a few kilometres from Ewu Junction, with the passengers heading to Ughelli from Port Harcourt.

The staff said the 12 passengers involved in the accident sustained various degrees of injury, with two, whose cases were severe, referred to the Delta State University Teaching Hospital (DELSUTH), Ogha.

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