

One dies, others injured in Aba auto-crash

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AN auto crash on the Aba River Bridge (Waterside), Abia State left one dead and several others injured yesterday morning.

This came barely two weeks after an accident involving a Mack truck rammed into a commuter bus killing about 10 persons on the same spot.

Daily Sun gathered that yesterday's accident occurred when the driver of a "15" commercial bus, said to be ascending Ogbor Hill on top speed from the Akwa Ibom end of the city, lost control and rammed

into tricycles and passengers waiting to board vehicles to their various destinations.

A man whose name was given as Arua, a native of Abiriba in Ohafia Local Government reportedly died on the spot.

The impact of the accident was said to have splattered the dismembered body of the man on the bridge which were later gathered into a cellophane bag and taken to the mortuary.

Speaking at the scene of the accident, a civil right activist and Aba-based lawyer, Saint Moses Ogbonna described the incident as unfortunate and called for

relocation of police checkpoints and bus stops on the bridge.

According to Ogbonna, "the loss of lives on the Ogbor Hill Bridge was becoming worrisome and needs urgent action from the state government to save more lives from being lost on the bridge due to recklessness of drivers and activities of policemen.

When our reporter visited the accident scene, the corpse of the man who died on the spot had been taken to GMP mortuary as three of the injured were taken to Egon Clinic. While a nursing mother whose case was said to be severe was reportedly

taken to Abia State Teaching Hospital (ABSUTH).

Some of those who spoke with Daily Sun on the scene of the accident condemned the action of a police patrol team who they alleged arrived the scene but could not render any assistance to the injured.

According to one of them, "a police patrol van came, slowed down and moved on without even assisting the victims. This made some of us to start wondering the type of policemen we have in this state."

The driver and his conductor were said to have disappeared immediately the accident occurred.