

# 5 die in Aba auto crash

From **Okey Sampson**, Aba

**TRAGEDY** struck yesterday in Aba, Abia State, as five persons died in a ghastly auto crash at the Umunka village, Aba axis, of the Eungu/Port Harcourt expressway. The incident was said to have occurred when a Toyota Sienna car with registration number MH 630 UWN Enugu rammed into a stationary truck.

All the five occupants of the car died on the spot.

A witness, who gave his name simply as Fred, said he and others were standing by the expressway when they heard a big bang. "When we got there, we saw the light green Sienna trapped under the truck, which had been stationary for some time. From the way it happened, it was either that the driver lost control of his vehicle or he was absent minded," he said.

Another witness, who would not want his name in print, attributed the incident to recklessness on the part of

the driver of the car. According to her, the accident happened in the daytime.

Some motorists, who spoke to our reporter over the incident, lamented the deplorable state of the Aba-Port Harcourt expressway. They stated that it was long overdue for rehabilitation, considering the importance of the road to the economy of the South-South, South East and the country at large.

One of the motorists, Gilbert Ndu-dim, lamented the port state of the

road, stating that a journey used to last less than an hour from Port Harcourt to Aba, Abia State, but now it takes over two hours.

When contacted, a spokesman of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) said they were yet-to-be informed of the incident.

**1 killed in clash in O**

From **Clement A** Osogbo

A clash between two groups resulted in the death of a man in a notorious cultist called on Sunday evening in the Osun State capital.

Daily Sun gathered that the incident, which took place at a popular joint in Ladoles, caused much commotion.

## Navy promotes 10 Admirals, 25 Commodores, 24 Captains

From **Molly Kilete**, Abuja

**THE** Nigerian Navy Board has approved the promotion of 87 senior officers to the ranks of Rear Admiral, Commodore, Captain and Commander. Ten out of the 87 officers were promoted to Rear Admiral, 25 to Commodores, 24 to Captains and 27 to Commanders.

The director naval information, Commodore Ayo Olugbode, listed

the following officers: T.A Imam, Director of Policy Naval Headquarters; RO Mohammed, Director of Recruitment, Resettlement and Reserve, Naval Headquarters; IB Yusuf, Director of Personnel Release, Naval Headquarters; WO Kayoda, Director Navigation/Positioning and Timing, Defence Space Administration; OE Eyo, Commander NNS BEECROFT; SO Agada, Directing Staff NDC; EE Anke, Commander NNS D. C.

"Those promoted to rank of Commodore are Captains T. Sani, M.N Madugu, O.O Fadeyi, A.A Gaya, S. Dahun, O.A Oludude, S.D Atakpa, A. Baba-Inna, P.E Effah, A.A Mustapha C.D Okechie, I. Okpala, O.B.F Oladipo, O.O Soyemi and E.A Zipele. Others are A.K Ezenma, C. Onyemaobi, S.A Yahaya, S.H Abdul-lahi, K.M Bushi, S.A Ejaro, G. Obaje, A.E Bello, I.D Nurudeen and I.A