No fewer than 18 persons were killed in the auto crash that occurred in Mbutu Okahia. It occurred at about 1.30pm when the front tyre of a bus conveying passengers from Aba to Owerri burst.

It was learnt that the bus somersaulted four times following the burst of the front tyre before landing with to a halt, leaving all occupants dead.

The sources disclosed that officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps stationed at Mbutu Okahia Umuhu along the Owerri-Aba road evacuated the remains of the passengers to the morgue.