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Bus crushes 4 in Imo

From **George Onyejiuwa**,
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A driver of a popular transport company has allegedly crushed a motorcyclist and three of his passengers to death along Owerri-Umuahia Road at Oboama Nguru community in Aboh Mbaise council area of Imo State.

The accident, it was learnt, occurred about 5.30 pm on Sunday, as the bus and its occupants were coming from Abuja to Owerri. It was gathered that the bus driver, who was on a high speed tried to overtake another vehicle at a bend just after a filling station near Ahiara Junction and hit the motorcyclist and his three passengers. The bus was said to have dragged the motorcyclist and his passengers to about 50 meters before it stopped.

While the bus driver absconded after the accident, other occupants of the bus broke the window glasses of the bus to jump out.

When our reporter visited the scene of the accident yesterday, some police officers from Aboh Mbaise Police Division were seen towing the bus and motorcycle away. One of the police of-

ficers, who spoke on condition of anonymity, sympathised with the families of the victims over the loss.

He disclosed that the bus driver

after the accident had immediately reported himself to the police, adding that he would be brought to justice after the conclusion of investigation.

don't know the numbers of those that are affected now. The situation is very terrible."

The police public relations officer in Osun State, Mrs. Yemisi Opalola, confirmed the development to journalists but said she could not give the number of casualties yet.

2 dead, 6 injured as church bus summersaults in Delta

From **Paul Osuyi**, Asaba

TWO people have been killed in an auto crash along the Ughelli-Warri road in Delta State while six other occupants sustained severe injuries.

The vehicle, an 18-seater Toyota Hiace bus, is said to belong to a new generation church, Zion Covenant Bible Church.

Witnesses said the bus was coming from Oleh in Isoko South Local Government Area to Warri when the incident occurred. One of the witnesses said the driver of the bus was trying to avoid running over an elderly woman when he veered off the road and summersaulted.

However, Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Delta State, Alphonsus Godwin, did not confirm the incident when con-

tacted yesterday in Asaba.

Godwin said his men got a distress call from a police officer in the area about the accident, adding that when the rescue team got to the scene, there were neither casualties to be rescued

nor vehicle wreckage to evacuate.

However, a source in the area blamed over speeding on the part of the driver for the accident. He said that the injured victims had been rushed to the hospital by Good Nigerians.

Gunmen kill ex-ATBU director

THE police in Bauchi State have confirmed the killing of Mr Hassan Jama'are, a former Director of Works, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU) by gunmen.

Ahmed Wakili, the spokesman for the police command in the state, told newsmen yesterday in Bauchi that the deceased was attacked and killed at about 10pm yesterday.

Wakili said the gunmen trailed the ex-ATBU director to his house and

shot him when he was about to open his gate. "They snatched his Honda Accord car keys and went away with them," he said.

Wakili said the late Jammare raised an alarm that attracted neighbours to come to his aid, adding that the neighbours however, rushed to the police to report the incident.

The police spokesman said no arrest had been made, but police were investigating the incident.