

Trailer crushes 7 to death in Aba

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NO fewer than seven persons were on Saturday crushed to death, along the Ariaria International Market end of the Enugu-Port Harcourt Expressway, in Aba, Abia State.

An eyewitnesses said the accident occurred when a fully-loaded trailer with container hit a commercial tricycle while dodging a pothole on the highway, and instead landed on a passenger Toyota Sienna car carrying ten persons and heading for Port Harcourt in Rivers State.

Sunday Sun gathered that it took several hours before the fallen container could be lifted and

The bodies of the passengers in the Sienna car, including that of the driver

recovered and removed to a nearby private mortuary along the expressway.

Passersby and sympathisers who thronged the area blamed the accident and others like it, on the bad state of the road which portions have remained a death trap, with pot holes and washed off surfaces that do not allow vehicles and other users of the road easy access.

They, therefore, appealed to the federal and state government authorities to come to the aid of commuters by providing palliatives on the road pending when the contractors handling the reconstruction project would rebuild it for better usage.

Our correspondent reports that hardly a day passes without a record of accidents on the long stretch of the expressway