

## 20 Feared Dead in Ebonyi Road Accident

**Benjamin Nworie** in Abakaliki

About 20 persons were reported dead in a fatal motor accident in Ezillo along Abakaliki-Enugu expressway on Friday afternoon.

An eye witness said that the accident involved two commercial buses, traveling on opposite direction on the ever-busy express road.

He noted that one of the buses attempted to overtake a smaller vehicle going to Abakaliki, as the bus driver didn't see an oncoming bus from the opposite direction, leading to a fatal head-on collision.

It was said that over speeding made the drivers struggle to control the vehicles to no avail.

Details of the incident were sketchy at press time but THISDAY gathered that 20 persons died on the spot,

while there was no ambulance to rush other victims to the hospital.

When THISDAY visited the headquarters of the Federal Road Safety Corps in Abakaliki, an Officer who spoke on condition of anonymity stated that they were yet to get details of the incident but added that their officers had been deployed to the area.

However, a source noted that the corpses and injured victims were taken to Annunciation hospital in Emene, Enugu State.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Chris Anyanwu explained that he heard about the incident but was yet to get details.

This happened barely 19 days after 14 persons died in an auto crash that occurred at Amasiri Secondary School junction, along Afikpo-Okigwe road in Ebonyi State.