

One dies, three injured in Onitsha auto crash

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One person lost his live while three others were hospitalised following a motor accident that occurred yesterday at Upper Iweka, Onitsha, Anambra State.

Driver of a trailer, according to witnesses, lost control while descending from the Borromeow roundabout towards bride head and crashed. It killed a retired police officer and injured others.

The trailer was carrying two container-loads of foreign plywood which fell off from the truck.

When our correspondent visited the scene, officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and police were rescuing the injured, while a towing van was trying to tow the vehicle which blocked the entire bye-pass, thereby causing gridlock.

Four of the victims were taken to the Toronto Hospital shortly after the incident but one was confirmed dead on arrival.

When our correspondent visited the hospital, the Chief Medical Director, Dr. Emeka Eze, confirmed the incident.

Eze said the retired police officer was confirmed dead on arrival while the other three sustained manage-

able injuries and were responding to treatment.

He said: "Four persons were brought here by sympathies after the incident. One was dead on arrival, the other three had some degrees of injury but they are responding to treatment.

"The dead person, we were told, was a retired police officer. But I don't know if he was among the motorcycle operators there or not. His body has been deposited in the morgue. Our approach here is that we don't demand money before attending to accident victims because we are here to save lives. We are waiting for the relations of the injured persons even as they are being attended by our medical team."



Scene of the accident