

# FRSC confirms 7 dead on Port Harcourt-Enugu Road

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) said yesterday that seven persons lost their lives in an auto-crash in Aki-na-Ukwa Junction, Mgbowo, Port Harcourt-Enugu Road.

The FRSC Sector Commander for Enugu State, Mr. Ogbonnaya Kalu, who confirmed this to News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Enu-

gu, said that the accident happened about 4pm on Thursday.

Kalu said some personnel of the corps had to get specialised equipment to free three of the deceased that were trapped in a car that was involved in the accident.

He said the accident occurred after an articulated vehicle failed break, lost control and rammed

into some shops on the expressway at the junction and finally hit a car at a nearby mechanic workshop.

The commander noted that the trailer, which was Enugu bound, had no vehicle registration number, but just a tag, "LEV 043," and was loaded with goods.

According to him, as the trailer rammed into some shops on the road, it killed four traders instantly.

"And as it went ahead it hit a car close to a mechanic workshop and killed the three occupants in it," he said.

Kalu, however, urged the Awgu Local Government Council authority to place a billboard urging motorists to slow down at the junction.

"We have recorded too many fatal accidents at that junction. The community leaders in the area should advise and educate their people not to trade or build shops along the road in order to reduce human fatality.

## Open defecations in Nigeria —NDBDA MD

said open defecations, which he noted is rampant across the country continues to pose serious health threat to the populace, hence he harped on adhering to the measures put in place in the fight against Covid-19, like hand washing and other forms of cleanliness.

He said: "Open defecation is an uncivilised habit that is very dangerous to our health. The fact that Covid-19 is airborne, to the Nigerian Centre for Disease Con-

trol (NCDC), should make us discourage it. There is no other time to put an end to it than now."

He also urged Nigerians to adhere strictly to government's directives to shut down schools, places of worship, crowded place as well as maintaining social distance, just as he urged government agencies, parastatals, and the private sector operators to provide hand sanitisers and disinfectant in their respective work places.