

① 15 feared dead in Anambra auto crash

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.17 killed in cult war

It was a black weekend in Anambra State, when about 15 passengers died in an accident at Umunya in Oyi Local Government Area of the State.

Reports had it that the accident involved two trailers in head-on collision on Saturday afternoon along Onitsha-Awka Express Way and it was gathered that the suspected 15 passengers may also include some villagers selling fruits and other food items.

The accident also involved a

Sienna bus which was sandwiched by the two trailers.

An eye witness simply identified as Kenechukwu, a commercial motorcycle rider who spoke to our correspondent said, "I was waiting for passenger when I suddenly saw a trailer coming from Onitsha with speed. Immediately, he got closer, he couldn't hold the brake, thereby ramming into an incoming trailer in between a bus loaded with passengers".

One of the survivors, who refused to disclose her name

while wailing profusely, said they were on their way to Enugu when suddenly she heard a big bang and all she could remember was blood, passengers and their travelling bags littered everywhere.

However, some of the survivors were rushed to a nearby hospital for medical attention.

Also, it was not clear the number of casualties recorded when residents in the area scampered for safety from the accident scene but it was

feared that scores must have sustained several degrees of injury.

Sector Public Education Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Anambra Command, Mrs. Margaret Onabe, confirmed the incident, adding that officers and men of the Sector were already at the scene of the accident while details were being awaited.

② While the true position of the Umunya accident was being investigated, a total of 17 persons were gunned down as a result of cult clashes by rival groups between Friday and Saturday.