

4 feared dead, many injured as 40-ft container falls on vehicles on Aba bridge

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About four persons were feared dead and many critically injured, following a tragic accident that occurred at the Aba River Bridge, Ogbor-Hill, Aba, Abia State yesterday morning.

Our correspondent who visited the scene of the incident, gathered that the accident occurred when a trailer conveying a 40-foot container, descending from Ogbor-Hill, lost control after having brake failure and col-

lided with two vehicles at the top of the Aba River Bridge.

New Telegraph reports that over the years, the Aba River has been a scene of serious accidents and the situation led to the relocation of the biggest abattoir in Abia, popularly known as Ahia-Udele, but this recent accident is the first since the relocation of the market.

An eyewitness told *New Telegraph* that the vehicle while descending from Opobo-Junction along Aba Ikot-Ekepe Highway, was swerving uncontrollably and unfortunately met another spoilt trailer on top of the bridge and in the process of trying to dodge the trailer, it collided with a Siena and another stationary vehicle which it fell on, killing and injuring many.

Efforts to reach men of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), met at the scene of the accident proved abortive as they quickly moved away from the scene when the anger of the Aba public was growing following the failure to bring a crane to lift the container to rescue victims trapped under the container.

Our correspondent equally gathered that two to three hours after the accident, there was no tow van or crane present at the scene of the accident to remove the container which fell on a Siena Van.

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have been seriously dealt with due to the support given to the State Police Command and other security agencies by the current administration to rid Enugu State of criminal elements.

"That is the crackdown on crime and criminality you must have been reading in the papers.

"I was also opportune to launch the pilot scheme of the Distress Response Squad last August.

"The full complements of the DRS, which is being set up by the governor, will comprise well over hundred hi-tech patrol vehicles with security surveillance cameras capable of facial and number plate recognition."