

20 die in Onitsha road crash, one in Bauchi riot

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BLOOD flowed freely in Awka yesterday afternoon when a truck carrying construction equipment lost control and rammed into a crowd of people including commercial motorcyclists, commuters and hawkers leaving at least 20 people dead.

In Bauchi State, riots erupted in the Yelwa Kagadana area

NAFDAC to ban sale of salt in open containers

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ABUJA—THE National Agency for Food Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) would as from 1st January 2008 ban the sale of salt in open containers and bags including the sale of non-iodised salt in the country.

Director-General of the agency Professor Dora Akinyuli who was represented by the Director Establishment Inspection, Mrs. Doris Amlai, revealed this yesterday at a one-day mass awareness campaign on the need for consumption of iodised salt held in Lafia, Nasarawa State.

of the state leaving in its wake one dead, places of worship, buildings and vehicles razed.

The Awka incident occurred at the busy Akwata junction which is a popular location for okada riders, pay-phone operators and sundry artisans.

Many of those involved were Okada operators as no fewer than 10 motorcycles were seen littered on the scene of the incident while two vehicles, a blue Peugeot 504 car and a lorry which the truck ran into before it crashed into a block industry premises also bore witness to the gory incident.

Eyewitnesses account also said that some passengers who just alighted from their vehicles at the bus-stop also fell victim. Littered on the scene were mangled bodies of the victims.

At the Regina Ceili Hospital, two victims were confirmed dead, while four injured persons were receiving treatment. But some eyewitness accounts said some of the bodies and injured persons were taken to private hospitals, but Road Safety officials seen at Regina Ceili Hospital said it was only the two dead bodies and four victims that were involved.

In Bauchi, as at the time of filing this report two houses were still in flames while residents were seen running helter skelter from the scene of the incident even as the state governor has imposed a dusk to dawn curfew.