

14 die in Owerri auto crash

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OWERRI—A late Sunday night automobile accident involving two commercial vehicles has claimed 14 lives on the Owerri -Port -Harcourt road. A team of medical doctors is now battling to save the lives of 15 others involved in the accident.

Speaking to *Vanguard* at the scene of the motor accident, the Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Angus Obum Ibezim, disclosed that 15 persons, who were badly injured in the crash were immediately moved to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Owerri.

“Fourteen persons died on the spot, while 15 other pas-

sengers that sustained varying degrees of injury were moved to the FMC, Owerri, for medical attention”, the Sector Commander explained.

Answering another question, Ibezim said that the accident involved a 14-seater Mitsubishi L300 bus in the fleet of Imo Transport Company (ITC) with registration number XE 196 AWK and a blue Mitsubishi L300 bus with registration number AJ 364 SPR, in the fleet of Rivers Transport Company (RTC).

According to the Sector Commander, while the ITC vehicle was heading to Port Harcourt, the RTC commuter bus was coming into Owerri from Port Harcourt, pointing out the two vehicles had head-on collision.