

Two varsity students die in auto crash

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AWKA—TWO students of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka were feared dead yesterday and five others placed on danger list following an accident involving a bus conveying the students to their permanent site and a trailer.

Eleven others sustained minor injuries, while those whose injuries were serious have been admitted at the Regina Caeli Hospital in the Anambra State capital.

An eye witness told *Vanguard* that the bus picked the students from the institution's temporary site and was about to join the express way at the popular Unizik junction when the trailer coming from the Enugu end of the road had a collision with it and it fell by the side of the road.

It was gathered that the trainer continued its journey towards Onitsha and it could not be confirmed at press time if some motorcycle operators who pursued it caught up with

yesterday that the trailer was trying to escape from officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) who were said to be pursuing it, although one Amadi of the commission who was sited at the scene of the accident denied the report.

The accident resulted in a traffic jam on the express way and security personnel of all types were there to bring the situation under control.

All the injured students were taken to the nearby Regina Caeli hospital immediately and it was at the hospital that two of them died.

One of the deceased was the driver of the bus which had "Unizik Bus Service" marked on it and painted in the white and blue colour for which vehicles plying the route were identified.

Dean of student affairs of the university, Prof. Emeka Ezonu, head, student affairs of the institution said authorities of the school were already in contact with the relatives of the affected students.

Already, the university has mobilized its health care team, including doctors and

hospital with a view to finding out if there was any need to transfer some of the students to other hospitals.

At the hospital, the two doctors on duty were battling

to save the lives of the students, just as security operatives at the hospital were finding it difficult to keep surging crowd away from the vicinity.

Imo Assembly passes Enviromental Commission Bill

By Chidi Nkwopara

OWERRI— THE Bill for the establishment of the Imo State Environmental Transformation Commission (ENTRACO) Law has been passed by the State house of Assembly and currently awaiting the assent of Governor Ikedi Ohakim.

Disclosing this to newsmen in Owerri, the Special Adviser (SA) to the State Governor on Sanitation and Transport, Chief Willie Amadi, also said that the Law seeks to recover the environment from filth and

enthroned a new beginning.

Answering a question on the angry reactions that has continued to trail the ENTRACO Bill, Chief Amadi promised that if the implementation becomes a serious pain for the citizenry, government would quickly review and amend the relevant sections.

While disclosing that the Bureau has commenced the second phase of demolition of illegal structures in Owerri municipality, the SA also said that government remains determined to implement the master plan of the capital city.