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ABAKALIKI—NOTHING less than four persons have so far been confirmed dead by the Ebonyi State Sector Commander of Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in two separate ghastly motor accidents that occurred along Abakaliki-Enugu expressway late Sunday evening. FRSC also said that other 8 persons sustained serious injuries and have been receiving treatment at the Ebonyi State Teaching Hospital Abakaliki.

Confirming the casualties, yesterday, FRSC state commandant, Mr. Emmanuel Abe said that first accident occurred at about 5.30pm in a head-on collision involving a commercial bus with registration number XD 924 MKD and a Mercedes car with Reg. number BQ 831 ENU.

Abe also stated that the second accident that happened at about 7pm along the same Abakaliki-Enugu express way at Ezzamgbo Bridge involved a jeep that ran into the river with only person who drove the jeep dying on the spot.

The FRSC commandant noted that those who lost their lives in the separate accidents included a female child, one woman and one man while 8 other persons that sustained serious injuries were rushed to the state teaching hospital for treatment.

He attributed the cause of the accident to dangerous driving and over speeding. "We discovered that the driver embarked on what we call dangerous driving and over speeding".

"We are using this opportunity to appeal to all road users especially drivers to reduce their speed whenever they are on the road. The maximum recommended speed for road users is 100km per hour depending on the nature of the road. When you look at the road and see that somebody is on your lane due to bad road, please slow down to ensure that the in-coming vehicle will not come to your side to avoid collision. Life has no duplicate" he warned.

The sector commander also urged the road users as well as drivers to be safety conscious on the highway, adding had it been that those drivers were not over speeding the accidents would have been avoided.

According to him, "we are appealing to all the transport owners especially Peace Mass Transit Company to talk and advice their drivers to reduce their speeds to avoid lost of lives and property on our roads in Ebonyi State. We want to ensure that accident is reduced to nearest minimum in the state".

"We are in Abakaliki to ensure the safety of road users; we are fighting against the loose of lives and property, we are fighting against destruction of lives and property. We want everybody to co-operate with us as we are doing that for the safety of everybody," Abe stated

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