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....Enugu CP narrowly escapes death

ENUGU—TRAGEDY hit the Enugu State Police Command at the weekend as the Commander of the 3 Squadron Police Mobile Force (PMF), Enugu, Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP), Mr. Shehu Adamu and two other police officers lost their lives in a ghastly auto crash.

The State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Sanni Magaji, who was also involved in the fatal accident that occurred along Abuja -- Kaduna Expressway, narrowly escaped death but sustained injuries for which he is now receiving treatment at a hospital in Kaduna along with another survivor of the crash.

Vanguard learnt that the Police Commissioner and four others including the MOPOL Commander left Enugu Saturday morning on a trip to the Commissioner's country-home in the Northern part of the country but could not get to their destination on account of the crash.

Although details of the crash was scanty by press time yesterday, it was learnt that the CP's official PRADO Jeep somersaulted while on motion killing instantly the MOPOL Commander and two others including the CP's driver.

The CP and the other survivor whose identity is yet to be ascertained, reportedly sustained various degrees of injuries and were rushed to a hospital in Kaduna by sympathizers.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for Enugu State Police Command, Mr. Ebere Amaraizu, who confirmed the accident to Vanguard yesterday said the 3 PMF Commander and two others died in the accident.

He also said that the CP was being treated at a Kaduna hospital but quickly added that he was in a stable condition.

The PPRO could not give further details regarding the cause of the accident as well as the reason for the police officers' trip, as according to him, a delegation of police officers from the state

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command dispatched to the place Saturday evening was yet to report back.

Meanwhile, the entire Mobile Police Barracks at Awkunanaw Enugu has been thrown into mourning as some operatives and families gathered in groups discussing the sudden demise of CSP Adamu, whom they described as a gallant officer who was loved by many of his colleagues in the command.

CSP Adamu once served as the PPRO for the Enugu State Police Command before he was appointed Divisional Police Officer (DPO) for Udi from where he emerged as the Commander 3 PMF few months ago.

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