

Auto crashes claim 5 in Imo

By Chidi Nkwopara

OWERRI—NO fewer than five persons have been reported dead

while more than five others are presently on danger list, following two separate road traffic accidents recorded during the Sallah holidays in Imo State.

Confirming the sad story to *Vanguard* in a telephone interview, the Imo State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Angus Ibezim, said the road traffic accidents occurred along Owerri-Onitsha and Owerri-Umuahia federal highways.

"The accident along Owerri-Onitsha highway eventually turned multiple. Initially, a Mercedes Benz tipper with registration number XR 828 ENU had a lone accident and not long after, a trailer with registration number XA 397 UBG, which was on top speed, crashed into the scene and crushed four on-lookers", Mr. Ibezim said.

The Sector Commander explained that the second accident, occurred at about 2.30pm, adding that the location was at the ever busy highway.

"Our officers and men in collaboration with some police personnel, have towed the tipper to our office, while

the dead, three females and a male, have been deposited in the morgue", Ibezim said.

The Imo FRSC boss blamed the accident on dangerous driving, adding that the driver of the Honda Accord car was making a u-turn at a blind curve close to the Heartland FM gate.

Ebonyi gets c'ttee on vision 20-20-20

By Dennis Agbo

ABAKALIKI—THE Ebonyi state Government is planning to be among the best ten states in the country by the year 2020.

To show its seriousness on the vision 20-20-20, the state

has set up a technical committee, chaired by Prof Egwu U. Egwu, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Ebonyi State University, who believes that the problem of Nigeria's backwardness is not that of policy implementation but the inability of Nigeria to properly articulate problems of the country.

Prof Egwu, at a briefing in Abakaliki, said that his committee is to articulate the proper problems of the state and that of the country, give options for solutions and that he remained very confident that politicians will no doubt implement the recommendations.

Egwu stated that Ebonyi is to fully harness its comparative advantage in rice production, adjudged to be the best rice in the country to launch the state among the top ten states in Nigeria. He challenged the media to position itself as the watchdog of the country's vision 20-20-20, by throwing challenging questions that would help strengthen the scope of the committee.

Glo millionaires emerge in Enugu

By Tony Edike

ENUGU—THREE professional drivers, a bricklayer, an Okada operator as well as a petty trader were among those who won car and a million naira prizes at the second edition of Enugu Glo millionaires Lafta Fest.

The new millionaires, who collected their cheques at the event, Sunday night included Ahmed Anifowoshe, an Ilorin based motor driver, Stephen John-Oti, a driver with the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), Abuja, Segun Emmanuel, an Okada operator in Mushin, August-

ine Akor, a bricklayer based in Abuja and Alex Ugadu, an Agege based foodstuff trader.

Also in the list of the new millionaires include a six time winner of one million naira since the inception of the Lafta Fest, Mrs. Omobola Ishie, a Borno state based medical practitioner, Dr. Yusuf Ahmadu, a Warri based businessman, Raymond Akpo and a civil engineer from Port-Harcourt, Franklin Eromsele.

The crown prize of a Peugeot 307 in the Glo "Win N' Rule" promo won by a driver, Theophilus Nwabueze.

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