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6 die, four injured in Enugu auto crash

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ENUGU — Six persons were confirmed dead while four others sustained injuries in an auto crash near the old toll-gate at 9th Mile Corner along Enugu-Onitsha expressway, Sunday evening.

The accident involved an articulated truck and a commuter Toyota Hiace bus which collided on the single lane being used by motorists on account of the rehabilitation work on the road.

An eyewitness said the truck with number plate XC 288 ASB and the Toyota Hiace bus with number plate XA 725 AGW belonging to one of the popular mass transit companies collided when the truck's driver was trying to avoid a pothole.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Ebere Amaraizu, who confirmed the accident, said the corpse of the six victims had been deposited in a mortuary while the injured persons were rushed to nearby hospital for medical assistance.

He advised motorists to always observe and obey all traffic laws and regulation in order to stay alive.

The delay in completing the rehabilitation work on the dual carriage Enugu – Onitsha express way which has confined road users to one lane since the past three years had caused several accidents with several lives and property lost

The single lane had since become a deathtrap to motorists and the construction firm appears to have abandoned the project as no meaningful work is currently being done of the project which commenced since three years ago.

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