

5 killed, 13 injured in Anambra road crash

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ONITSHA — NO fewer than five persons, including a commercial bus driver were feared dead, while about 13 others sustained injuries when their commuter bus had a head-on collision with a truck along the ever-busy Enugu/Onitsha Expressway.

The incident, involving the commuter bus with an inscription, Psalm 121 Express, occurred between the former toll gate at Ogbunike and Nkwelle-Ezunaka junction, along the expressway.

According to an eye-witness, the bus was heading towards Enugu from the Onitsha end of the dual carriage way, while the truck was from Awka to Onitsha when they collided.

The major cause of the incident, according to the officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, was that a construction company is currently working on one lane of the dual carriageway and as a result, only one lane of the road was being used.

In a telephone chat with news-

men yesterday, the Nteje Unit Commander of the FRSC, Mr. Sunday Joseph, however, confirmed that only one person (a man) was found dead at the scene of the incident, while others sustained injuries and were rushed

to Iyi-Enu Hospital in Ogidi.

Joseph who attributed incidents to over-speeding by commercial drivers along the highways and cautioned road users to avoid over-speeding in this place where only one lane is being used.

One of the eyewitnesses who simply identified himself as Mocha, told newsmen on phone that he was not sure if there was any survivor in the fully loaded commercial bus as the bus was damaged beyond repair.

89-yr-old woman kidnapped by grandsons dies one week after release

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AWKA — AN 89-year-old Adafor Madueke, kidnapped by her two grand children at Adazi Ani in Anaocha Local Government Area of Anambra State, has died one week after her rescue from the kidnappers' den.

Madam Madueke was kidnapped by Kingsley Madueke, 24, with the connivance of his younger brother, Matthew Madueke, 22, and two others and was rescued at Oyeagu, Abagana in Njikoka Local Government Area after N3 million ransom was paid. She, however, died one week after.

Anambra State Director of DSS, Mr. Alex Okeiyi, who pa-

rated the kidnap suspects, yesterday, in Awka said the N3 million ransom was paid on December 23, 2013 at Obollo Afor in Enugu State, adding that her death was apparently due to her ordeal in the custody of the kidnappers.

Okeiyi said: "Investigation showed that the kidnap was hatched by the victim's grandson, Kingsley, on December 14, 2013 and executed on December 17, 2013 with the assistance of his younger brother, Matthew."

According to him, other suspects involved were Chukwunonso Onuzulike from Enugu State and a 23-year-old fresh graduate of

Political Science from Odumegwu Ojukwu University, who is the leader of *Black Axe Confraternity* in the campus and Gabriel Nnaji, a 400-level student of public administration from the same university, also from Enugu State.

Kingsley Madueke told Vanguard at the headquarters of DSS that he planned to kidnap his grandmother because he and his brother were finding things difficult financially in school because their father was having family problems with their uncle who has stopped assisting them in school.

"I felt that the only way to get money from my uncle was by kidnapping our grandmother," he said, adding that it never mattered to him that