

10 die in Nsukka auto crash

• *As 2 drown in well during funeral in Enugu*

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ENUGU — TEN persons were confirmed dead in an auto crash that occurred at Ehalumona in Nsukka Local Government Area of Enugu State, yesterday.

The accident occurred when two commuter buses collided and were engulfed by fire on the Enugu-Makurdi highway.

Also, two young men reportedly drowned in a well filled with water while fighting at a burial ceremony also at Ehalumona on Saturday.

According to the state Police Public Relation Officer, Mr. Ebere Amaraizu, the two buses involved in the crash with

registration numbers AKL 323 XA and AKL 323 XA belonging to two mass transit companies, were travelling at opposite directions when they collided.

One of them conveyed passengers from Makurdi axis while the second was from Enugu when the incident occurred.

He said the identities of the victims were yet to be known at press time.

The police spokesman also confirmed the death of the two young men said to be 25 years of age while fighting following a disagreement at a burial ceremony last Saturday.

He said: "Two people at a burial ceremony in Ehalumona, Nsukka axis of Enugu State

met their untimely death on Saturday as they got themselves drown in a nearby well in the compound which was filled with water.

"Information available to us indicated that a squabble allegedly arose between the two young persons identified as Egbebunbe Alumona aged about 25 years and Somadina also aged about 25 years which led to a serious fight between them and not noticing the well filled with water, they fell into it and died before any help could come their way."

Meanwhile, their corpses have been recovered and deposited at a nearby mortuary.

In a communiqué issued at the end of the AGM and signed by the president, Dr. Solomon Iyobosa Edebiri and secretary general, Eghosa Eguabor, the Board of Trustees was also mandated to ensure that the institute is chartered by an act of parliament as soon as possible so as to consolidate its position in the steel industry, which is the backbone of the nation's industrial take-off.

In order to achieve this, the AGM, therefore, expanded the Board of Trustees of the institute to include representatives from the academia, industry and government.

A part of this strategic move, the AGM has given the executive committee of the institute led by Edebiri additional three-year mandate to carry out the necessary reforms and consolidate on the gains