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ABA—Tragedy struck at the Ogbor Hill Waterside Bridge area in Aba, Abia State, yesterday, when a driver lost control and rammed his bus into people, killing one person and injuring five others, along Aba-Ikot Ekpene Road.

This is the second accident that will occur at the bridge area within a week, as residents have urged the state government to look into the situation.

Eyewitnesses told Vanguard that the Toyota bus, carrying vegetables, was descending the hill on high speed from the Bata end, when its brakes failed. The bus crossed to the opposing lane and rammed into a group of passengers.

The eyewitness said: "The bus was carrying vegetables, but lost its brakes and skidded off to the opposing lane. It hit a man, who appeared to be coming back

from church service, and the man died on the spot. It hits another tricycle, which stopped the bus at the bridge head.

"Many people have died in accidents on this bridge. Government should do something; the rate of accident on this bridge is too much. There is a need for a flyover to ease traffic here."

When Vanguard visited the scene, there was traffic gridlock on the two lanes of the road as motorists struggled to wade through the area, even as the plate numbers of the bus had been removed.

Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Aba Unit, Mr. Aromeh Ekele, said he was away on leave and told Vanguard to visit his office for details of the accident.

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