

# 12 die in Ondo, Abia road accidents; council boss, 3 others injured

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**N**O fewer than 12 people were confirmed dead in two separate auto crashes in Ondo and Abia states, with the Transition Committee Chairman of Isiala Ngwa South Council area, Abia State, sustaining an injury in one of the accidents near Umuikaa Junction, along the Enugu-Port Harcourt Expressway.

**1** In the Ondo State accident, five persons died at Awoyaya KM 17 Ife Garage, Ondo town, Ondo State.

Three others that were injured in the crash, which involved a Sharon Volkswagen with plate numbers LAGOS KTU 706BW and a trailer, were rushed to the trauma centre in the town.

Eight persons were said to been in the vehicle driven by one Sunday Dickson, aged 47 years.

Eyewitness account said the crash occurred at about 4a.m., yesterday. While the driver of the private Volkswagen vehicle, Sunday Dickson, died on the spot with four others, the driver of the trailer reportedly fled the scene.

The state Police imagermaker, Femi Joseph, confirmed the accident attributing it to over speeding.

**2** Also, no fewer than seven persons lost their lives in the

ghastly auto crash involving the Transition Committee Chairman of Isiala Ngwa South Council of Abia State, Chief Ike Anyatonwu, near Umuikaa Junction, along the Enugu-Port Harcourt Expressway.

*Vanguard* gathered that the council boss' SUV had a head-

on collision with a 14-passenger bus, which got both vehicles crushed.

The two vehicles had rammed into each other as one lane of the road had been closed to traffic, due to ongoing rehabilitation works on the highway.

the effect of a family squabble that started about a fortnight ago.

"Ubia, which the deceased man was called by everyone in the community, had an open confrontation with his son, Ikechukwu."

*Vanguard* was also told that as the confrontation raged, Ikechukwu, in the full glare of his siblings, slapped his father.

Ubia stepped to tell his side of the story. Midway into his narration, Ikechukwu hit his father in the neck with a shovel.

"Sympathisers quickly rushed him to St. George's Hospital at Nkwo Umunumo Market, but the doctor instantly referred the patient to the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia, where he eventually died."