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6 die in A-Ibom auto crash

1 UYO—SIX persons, yesterday, lost their lives in an auto accident along Ntak Inyang dual carriageway, in Itu Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, about a few kilometres to Uyo, the state capital.

It was gathered that the accident was as a result of a tanker laden with Premium Motor Spirit otherwise known as petrol that ran into two tricycles while trying to dodge an upcoming truck.

A resident, who identified

himself as Patrick Ukoh, said he was going to work when they saw the tanker that was in flames and was told that there was an accident that claimed about six lives.

"I was passing along the road at 8:am today (yesterday) when I saw a tanker that was in flames and I was told that the fuel tanker rammed into two tricycles and about six people died on the spot. The area the accident happened is

few kilometres to Uyo, the state capital," Ukoh said.

Contacted, the Akwa Ibom State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, Mr Ogah Ochi, confirmed the incident, noting that a detailed investigation on the incident would come out today.

He simply said: "Actually, six persons died in the accident, one female and five males. A detailed investigation will come out tomorrow (today).

Our investigators have gone there and the preliminary report they have given confirmed that two trucks were involved in the crash, but one of the trucks escaped.

"The truck that caused the accident ran away. It overtook the other truck at that particular scene the accident occurred. And as the other one was trying to veer off from the one that was overtaking, ran into the two tricycles."

