

# Auto crash claims 3 lives in Anambra, 9 injured

By Vincent Ujumadu

**A** WKA-THREE persons lost their lives, while nine sustained varying degrees of injury in two separate accidents of Okija and Ihiala along Onitsha-Owerri road in Anambra State.

One of the crashes involved a Mercedes Benz trailer and a Toyota Hiace bus with nine persons on board, while the other involved a conductor, who jumped from a moving trailer.

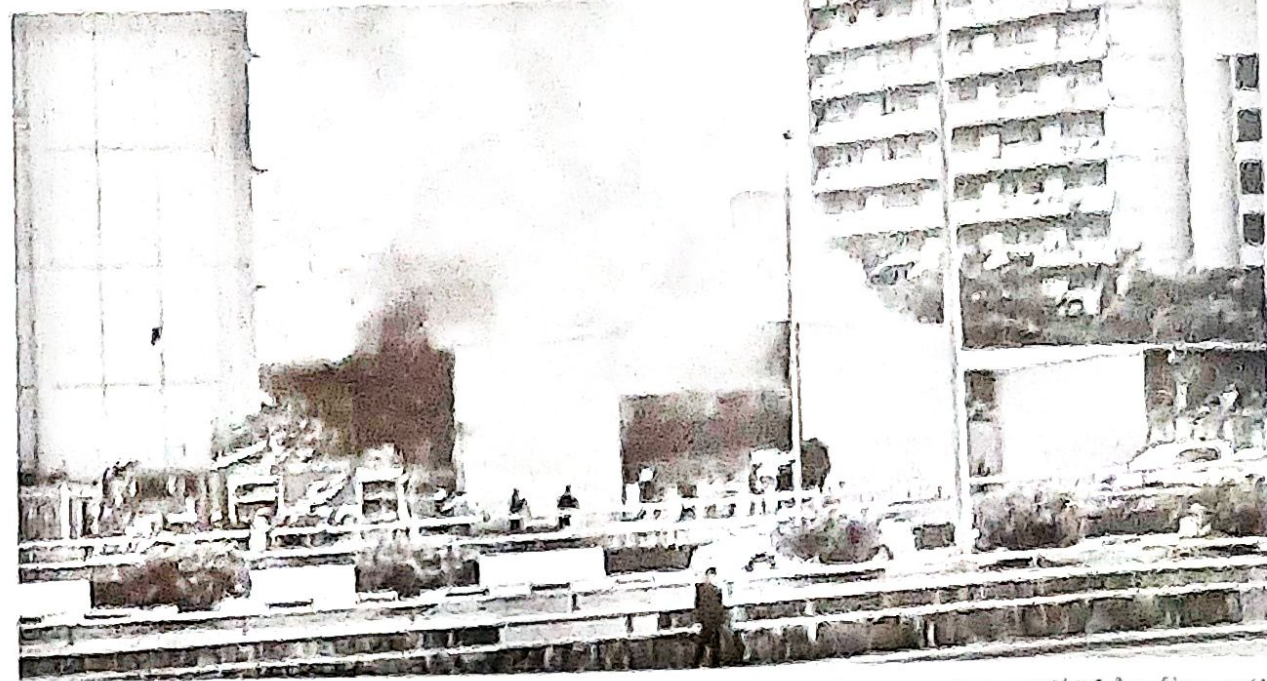
An eye witness said the driver of the Hiace bus rammed into a stationary trailer which had a tyre burst while counting money on steering.

The state Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Mr Adeoye Irelewuyi, attributed the fatal crash to excessive speed.

He said: "The crash involved two vehicles, a Mercedes Trailer with number plates: XF-123-JJT commercial and a Toyota Hiace bus commercial, with number plates: XC-565ATN belonging to Imo State Transport Company (ITC).

"Nine people, 5 male adults and 4 female adults were involved in the crash. Six casualties, three male adults and three female adults, sustained varying degrees of injury, while two male adults were killed.

"The injured persons were rushed to Obijackson



A section of the Federal Secretariat in Abuja was yesterday evening gutted by fire, with several cars reportedly burnt.

Foundation Hospital, Okija by the FRSC and police personnel where two male adults were confirmed dead by the doctor on duty.

"Effort is being made by FRSC and police personnel from Okija Division to tow the vehicles to Okija Police station to allow free vehicular movement".

According to him, the second accident involved a conductor, who lost his life after jumping from an articulated vehicle at Ihiala.

An eye witness said the Mack tanker driver on excessive speed, lost control when he

slighted another truck coming out of a drinks depot, adding that suspecting a possible crash ahead, the conductor of the Mack tanker jumped out of the vehicle and got smashed by the rear tyre of the tanker.

The injured were rushed to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Ihiala by FRSC and police personnel while the conductor was confirmed dead by the doctor on duty.

While condoling with the families of the deceased, the FRSC boss urged motorists to watch and maintain a safe speed limit while on the road.

## 4 killed at Kuchibena, Abuja's new axis of terror

By Omeiza Ajayi

**A**BUJA-FOUR people have been reportedly killed in Kuchibena, a slum located 10 kilometres away from the Life Camp official residence of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

It was for N200.00, 24 year old