

2 children die, 5 injured in Akwa Ibom auto crash

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TWO children, a male and female have been confirmed dead while five other persons were said to have sustained serious injuries in an auto crash along Uyo-Ikot Ekpene express way.

It was gathered that the accident occurred yesterday around Ibiakpan junction in Ikot Ekpene local government area of Akwa Ibom State at 8:30 am

The Sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, in the state, Mr Matthew Olonisaye, who confirmed the accident in a statement in Uyo, described the incident as unfortunate as it was happening at the beginning of the New year.

The Sector commander who attributed the accident to wrongful overtaking involving a Tipper truck and a motorcycle, cautioned road users to always obey traffic regulations.

He said "Drivers should stop abusing the usage of the roads by obeying traffic rules and regulations. It's unfortunate that this happened at the beginning of the New Year. We commiserate with the families of the dead children.

"Motorcycle riders should be reminded that motorcycle are not allowed to ply the highway and should not overtake by the right hand side of the vehicle. Drivers should not forget that motorcycle riders are humanbeings and should not be harassed on the highway"