

Five killed in Abakaliki-Enugu expressway auto crash

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FIVE construction workers were killed on Thursday along the deplorable Enugu-Abakaliki federal highway, when a lorry rammed into a ditch along the road while the driver suffered a scuffle with task force agents.

Eyewitness account had it that the driver of the vehicle lost control and ran into the ditch when a member of the task force set up by the Ebonyi Environmental Protection Agency (EBSEPA) jumped into the vehicle and engaged him in a scuffle while forcing him to pay for vehicle emblem.

The vehicle bore the registration number of ENUGU AH 702 EMU, while the workers were contracted by PATAN Construction Nig LTD, which is one of the companies handling the dualisation of the road from its Abakaliki end.

The mishap occurred in front of the state Universal Basic Education Board (UBEB) junction along the road and caused heavy disruption of vehicular movement.