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Mourners feared dead in Bayelsa auto crash



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An 18-seater bus conveying mourners to the burial of **Bayelsa State's** late Deputy Governor, Senator Lawrence Ewhrudjakpo, was involved in a fatal accident along the Toru-Orua axis of the Sagbama–Ekeremor Road.

According to sources, the crash claimed the lives of 10 persons.

Several other passengers sustained injuries and were rushed to nearby hospitals for emergency medical treatment.

The victims were on their way to pay their final respects to Senator Ewhrudjakpo, who passed away suddenly on December 11, 2025, at the age of 60 after collapsing in his office at the Government House in Yenagoa.

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Reacting, the Bayelsa State Government said it has taken over the medical treatment of victims of the accident that occurred around Toru-Orua, along the Sagbama-Ekeremor road.

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According to the Commissioner for Health, Professor Seiyefa Brisibe, the Governor, Senator Douye Diri, had directed him and the medical team to ensure adequate care for the victims.

He said two deaths were recorded in the accident.

He said other rescued victims have remained stable after they received emergency medical responses from the government medical ambulance teams deployed along the Sagbama-Ekeremor road for the burial of late Deputy Governor, Senator Lawrence Ewhrudjakpo in Ofoni.

The Health Commissioner said the victims moved to both Sagbama General Hospital and Niger Delta University Teaching Hospital, Okolobiri were responding to treatment.

