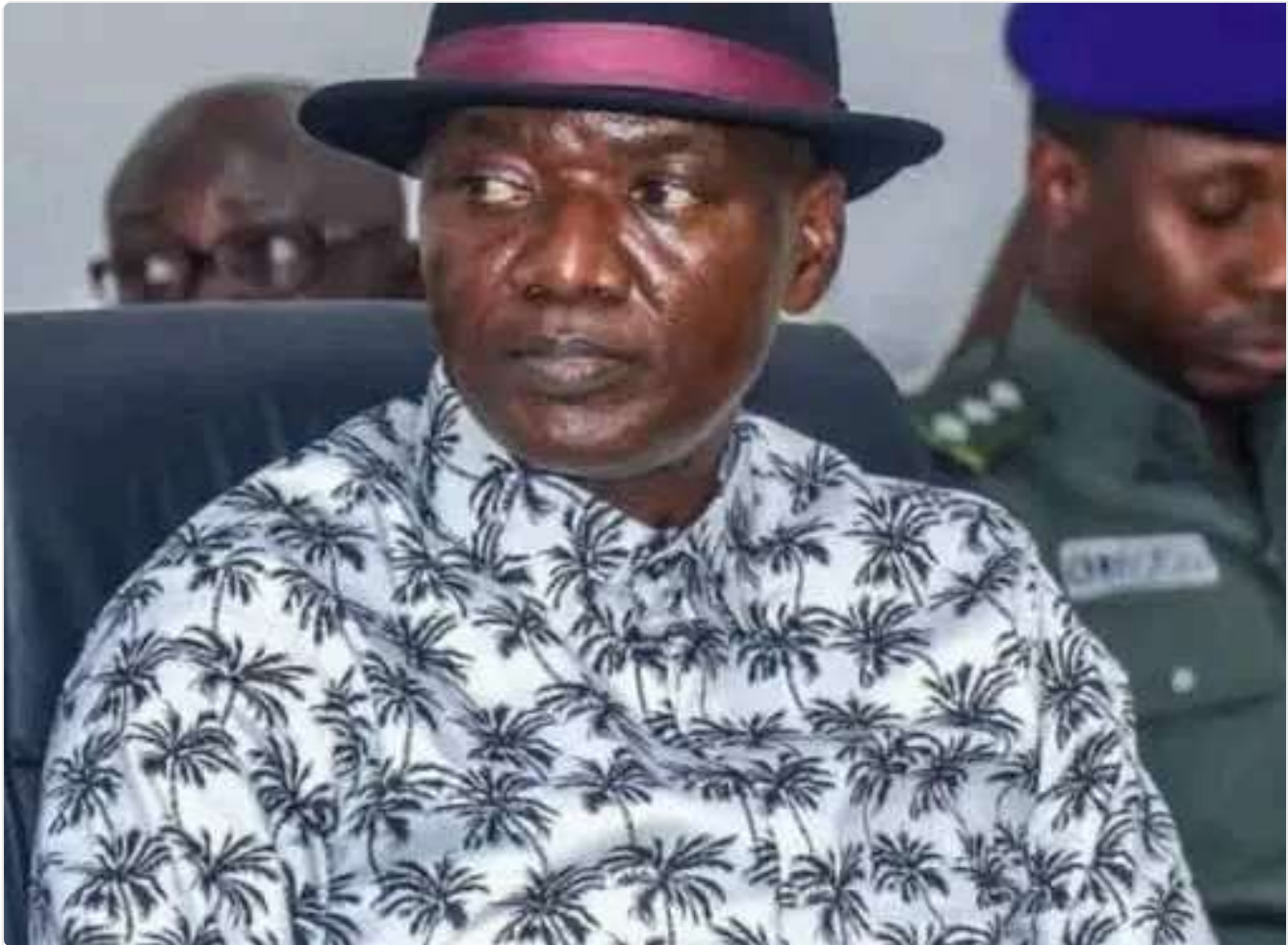


## Tragedy as two die in accident enroute Bayelsa Dep Gov's burial



**Tragedy struck on Friday as an 18-seater bus carrying passengers to the Bayelsa Deputy Governor's burial was involved in a crash along the Toru-Orua axis of the Sagbama/Ekeremor Road.**

**News of the accident filtered in soon after the accident occurred, with claims of casualties in the incident.**

**Prof Seiyefs Brisibe, Bayelsa Commissioner for Health, who confirmed the crash in a telephone chat with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), said two of the victims died on the spot.**

**He dismissed rumours that more than 10 people died in the incident.**

**“ Our State Ambulance Services promptly responded and evacuated the victims to hospitals.**

**Seven were taken to Sagbama General Hospital, while 10 were taken to the Niger Delta University Teaching Hospital at Okolobiri.**

**“Two passed on at the accident scene while the rest are in stable conditions as we speak. The speculation that more than 10 died is false.**

**“The deployment of our fleet of ambulances helped to bring prompt medical help to the victims,” he said.**

**Meanwhile NAN learnt that the burial ceremony of the late deputy governor, Dr Lawrence Ewhrudjakpo, at Ofoni, in Sagbama Local Government Area, was underway at the time of filing this report.**

**Ewhrudjakpo, aged 60, slumped and died on Dec 11 while performing his duties at the Government House, Yenagoa.**