

IYC President, 2 others die in boat mishap

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Barely two years after five councillors from Nembe local government area of Bayelsa State were killed by suspected cultists, another tragedy had struck the council yesterday as its Vice-chairman who is also the President of the Ijaw Youth Council (IYC), Mr. Tekenah Beregha, and two others, were reportedly died in a boat mishap.

Sunday Champion reliably gathered that the tragic incident occurred along Nembe Creek near Tombi at about 12;30 am.

The tragic incident was attributed to poor visibility as the state is currently witnessing 24 hours of rainfall.

The boat in which they were travelling was said to have hit the tree which subsequently tore it to pieces. The vice-Chairman was said to have died on the spot as he could not immediately get any assistance.

It was further gathered that aside the Vice chairman, the two others said to be involved in the accident are the youth leader and the councillor who are Ijaw and Yoruba, respectively.

While these people died alongside the Vice- chairman, the driver of the boat and one other occupant were lucky to survive the accident. Though they were said to be seriously injured, they are receiving medical attention at an undisclosed hospital.

As at the time of filing in this report, the corpses of the duo have been deposited at the Nembe mortuary.

Reacting to the sad incident, the national spokesman of IYC, Comrade Peter Ajube, described it as pathetic adding that a delegation has been dispatched to Nembe with a view to getting first hand information about the accident.