

Obanikoro loses daughter in auto crash

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PEOPLES Democratic Party (PDP) governorship candidate in Lagos state in the just-concluded 2007 governorship election, Senator Musiliu Obanikoro has lost her daughter in a ghastly motor accident along the Okada road, near Benin, Edo state, yesterday.

According to eyewitness in the neighbouring village of Okada where the accident occurred, the sad incident happened at about 3.30pm and it involved a Coca Cola distribution lorry. Obanikoro in a telephone interview confirmed the unfortunate incident.

Report said apart from the daughter of Obanikoro that died on the spot, one other occupant of the Toyota car said to be the driver equally died on the spot while the police orderly who sustained serious injuries and another female occupant of the car believed to be friend of the deceased were said to be under intensive care unit in private hospital in Benin, the Edo State capital.

Both vehicles were said to have had head on collision and

that was the reason why the accident was fatal.

They were said to be heading to the Igbinedion University Okada when the accident occurred at about five minutes to the main gate of the University.

When *Daily Champion* visited the University yesterday, an atmosphere of sorrow enveloped the entire campus as some of the students mostly girls were seen crying profusely while others were seen in groups discussing the death of one of their classmates.

None of the authorities of the University was ready to speak to newsmen on the incident as they simply refer journalists to police.

Spokesman of the Edo state police Command, Mr. Peter Ogboi, told *Daily Champion* that the Command has commenced investigation into the accident.

As at the time of filing this report, the wreckage of the vehicles were been evacuated from the scene of the accident.