

Tragedy: Retired magistrate, wife, 3 children perish in auto crash

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A RETIRED magistrate, his wife and three others, identified as their children, Thursday, lost their lives in a ghastly motor accident.

The tragedy reportedly struck at Ossissa on Kwale - Asaba road, in Ndokwa East local government area of Delta State.

They were said to be

returning to Warri from Enugu where they had gone to celebrate the Christmas when the tragedy struck.

Though details of the incident were however sketchy as at the time of filing this report, an eyewitness, who is a palm wine taper, said the vehicle, a Mercedes 190, which was on high speed, was trying to avoid pot-holes when it lost control and somersaulted.

Identities of the victims could not be ascertained, but a complimentary card bearing information of a former Magistrate and an identity card bearing Chukumadu Okosemen were found in the man's car.

The Magistrate and his children were said to have died instantly while the woman reportedly bled to death on her way to the hospital.

The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) commander for Delta State, Mr. Luka Ikpi could not be reached for comment.

But a senior staff of the commission, while reacting, said the incident must have been as a result of over-speeding by the driver.

He described it as shocking and unfortunate and appealed to drivers to be very cautious.

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