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## Gunmen kill 4 in Bayelsa

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**B**ARELY 10 days to the 2012 governorship election primaries of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Bayelsa State, gunmen in the state yesterday killed four persons at Edie-Pie community in Yenagoa Local Government Area and abducted one.

The four victims were killed at a drinking bar in around 9pm after hours of sporadic shootings.

Although the cause of the killings is not known to our correspondent as at the time of filing this report, but the governorship aspirant for 2012 election, Hon Henry Sereaki Dickson accused his opponents of sponsoring the killings.

He said: "Such killings would not intimidate us as we are ready to wrestle power out from Governor Sylva.

"Sylva is a brother that has gone wrong politically and he had failed Bayelsans.

Two of the deceased are said to hail from Agudama, community some minutes drive from Edie-Pie.

Though their true identities are yet unknown, the police in the state have confirmed the incident. No arrest has been made.

However, Police Public

## Bleak Sallah: 30 killed in Edo road crash

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**A**T least 30 persons have been reportedly killed in a fatal accident involving two passengers' buses on the Okene-Abuja expressway yesterday.

Reports said one of the

passenger bus with the inscription Big Joe Ventures was going to Kano and had a head on collision with another bus yet to be identified which was heading towards Edo state from Abuja.

The accident was said to have happened around 11 am

between Okpella in Edo state and Okene axis of Kogi State.

When the news of the accident filtered into town, several families were seen making quick checks on the passengers manifest at the corporate headquarters of the company at Aduwawa, Benin City.

An eyewitness who spoke to *Daily Champion* confirmed that all passengers in the vehicles lost their lives.

The passengers were said to be on their way to join their families in the celebration of the Ed el fitri when they met

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Relations Officer (PPRO), Bayelsa State, Emakpai Eguavon said he was out of the state and could not officially speak on the matter since it was yet to be brought to his attention.

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Our correspondent reports that several calls put through to the commissioner, Mr. Hillary Okpara were not answered.

Meanwhile, a mutilated body was dumped on Mbiama-Bayelsa road yesterday with its vital organs removed.

The scene attracted passers-by and commuters plying the route.

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their untimely death.

The magnitude of the accident was such that both vehicles were squeezed almost beyond recognition trapping all passengers on board.

The dead passengers were seen lying on the ground while officers of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) made effort to remove the corpse of those trapped in the vehicles.

*Daily Champion* gathered

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that traffic on the road was hectic as most travelers on the route were seen disembarking from their vehicles to catch a glimpse of the horrible site.

It took several hours for both officials of the safety corps, NSDC, security operative to control traffic on the ever busy Abuja Okene road just as axe were used to tear the vehicles up.

Our source said though the immediate cause of the accident cannot be confirmed but it may not be unconnected with the drivers of both vehicle claims to right of way.

Attempts to reach the sector command of the road safety corps in Edo for comment failed, as the command was said to have mobilized its men and material to join its Kogi State counterpart to restore order on the busy expressway.