

Teacher killed in a bid to collect N45,000 medical allowance

A teacher in Bayelsa was killed by a motorist at the weekend at the Amarata suburb of Yenagoa where he had gone to collect his N45,000 medical allowance.

The motorist hit Zacharias Ezi as he was crossing a busy road in the area.

Ezi, a native of Akumoni in Yenagoa local government area of Bayelsa, died minutes after he was rushed to a nearby hospital.

Meanwhile, the acting Secretary of the post-primary schools board, Mr Omadi Kojo, has lauded the state government for the payment of the second phase of med-

ical allowances to primary school teachers in the state.

Kojo told News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Yenagoa that the payment of the medical allowance to teachers would go a long way to reduce the backlog of debts owed them.

He, however, expressed concern over the non-implementation of annual increments for teachers in Yenagoa council area as was done in some other local government councils.

Kojo expressed regret over the non-payment of 2005 leave bonus in spite of the fact that funds meant for payment had been released.