

Three Delta officials die in crash

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THE on-going prison visitation of the Chief Judge of Delta State, Justice Abiodun Smith, was marred by tragedy on Tuesday following an auto crash, which claimed the lives of three workers of the Protocol Unit of the Ministry of Justice.

In the accident, which occurred on the busy Benin-Asaba Expressway at Ubulu-Okiti, Aniocha South Council of the state, several persons were also injured.

According to the Director of Protocol, Mr. Patrick Idolor, the accident happened when the vehicle, which the protocol staff rode in, ran into a trailer on their way back to Asaba from Agbor, Ika-South Council, where Justice Smith had gone to see inmates. The victims included the driver of the ill-fated vehicle and two other staff members, one of them a woman.

Idolor said the visit to Ogwashi-Uku Prisons in Aniocha-South Local Council, which was scheduled for yesterday, had to be postponed.

because of the tragedy, adding that the corpses have since been deposited at the mortuary of an undisclosed hospital.