

ployee, he confirmed that he was aware of the incident that

In another development, the Kwara State Command of the

till Tuesday, June 21 for further mention.

## Two pensioners die, three others slump in Bayelsa verification

From Julius Osahon, Yenagoa

**T**WO senior citizens, who are pensioners yesterday died and three others slumped in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State capital, during a verification ordered by the state government.

It was gathered that the incident occurred on Monday and Tuesday at the Samson Siasia Sports Com-

plex at Ovom area of Yenagoa, the state capital. Among the collapsed pensioners, two reportedly survived, while one was said to be in a coma at a private hospital in the state capital.

Prior to the incident, the pensioners who had not been paid many months' arrears, were said to have complained of stress, hunger and dehy-

dration. The inclement weather occasioned by heavy downpour reportedly contributed in exacerbating the hardship of the pensioners during the exercise.

But the retirees complained that the exercise had many hiccups and wondered why the government would subject them to fresh exercise despite other verifi-

cations conducted in the past.

Sources said the unnamed two dead pensioners were first taken to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Yenagoa, but their remains were later taken to an undisclosed morgue at a private hospital in the state following the ongoing strike at FMC.

The Chairman, Nigerian

Union of Pensioners (NUP), Bayelsa Action Group chapter, Chief Bodi Amaran, confirmed the incident yesterday. Amaran clarified that four pensioners slumped on Monday but that two died while the other two survived. He added that another pensioner collapsed and went into a coma during yester-

day's exercise.

"The Monday incident happened in the afternoon while that of Tuesday happened when the rain was falling. The number of pensioners was many. For nine months, we have not been paid. The conditions of most pensioners are pitiable. We are being treated as refugees. The last month we got paid was in September 2015."

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