

# Cameroon: Only One Returnee Died – SEMA

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Only one Nigerian of the more than 8,000 returnees from Cameroon died at the Calabar camp.

The disclosure was made in Calabar by the Executive Secretary of the State Emergency Manage-

ment Agency (SEMA), Mr. Vincent Aquah, as clarification against the backdrop of insinuation in some media publications that more than one returnee died while they were at the camp.

Aquah did not disclose the identity of the deceased, but said the person who died was rushed from Cameroon to Nigeria as an

emergency case, and later, died in hospital.

According to him, Bayelsa State had the highest number of returnees, about 7,000, while the rest, about 1,800 came from Akwa Ibom, Rivers, Anambra, Imo, Ebonyi, Abia, Lagos and Cross River.

The SEMA spokesman said the evacuation of returnees from

Cameroon that started on August 22, 2006 had been completed successfully.

He expressed gratitude to the Nigeria Police, Nigeria National Civil Defence Corps, Arab Contractors, Federal Road Safety Corps, and the Red Cross for the support they extended to SEMA during evacuation.

