

# AC Guber Runing Mate In Fatal Road Crash

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The deputy governorship candidate of the Action Congress in Cross River State, Brig. Gen. Christopher Bassey Duke (rtd.), is now lying critically ill at the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital [UCTH] following injuries he received in a fatal motor accident.

A staff of the teaching hospital with whom Duke was in the same car was not, however, so lucky. The university don died on the spot.

Daily Independent gathered that the accident occurred last week in

Akamkpa, Cross River State, somewhere along the Calabar-Ikom-Ogoja high way, when the Peugeot 504 car the victims were traveling in had a head-on collision with another car coming from the opposite direction.

Eye witness account has it that although Duke survived the crash with multiple injuries, his co-traveller, Dr. Nsa Antigha, who works at the UCTH, was not so lucky as he died at the spot of the accident.

The AC gubernatorial candidate in Cross River State, Mr. Emmanuel Ibeshi, confirmed the accident after he had visited the

hospital to see the surviving victim.

He told journalists in Calabar that he visited the hospital on Wednesday.

He said Duke sustained injuries in the ribs and neck but that he is in stable condition as his nerves are still responding to stimulus.

Ibeshi, who said the accident calls for serious concern added that it would not deter the party from its aspiration for the people of the state.

"It is a triumph of life over death, good over evil. I also look at it as a mirror of very difficult challenges

we will likely face. But we will triumph over all of them," he said.

He said all members and intending members of the AC in the state should remain focused so as to enable the party win the forthcoming elections, not just in Cross River, but in Nigeria as a whole.

Ibeshi said he has no reason to suspect that any foul play led to the accident because the mangled cars at the spot of the accident suggest that one heading towards the North from the Calabar end may have rammed into the car Duke and the late Antigha were traveling in on their way back to Calabar.

Ibeshi said the people of the state should pray for God's intervention for peaceful elections in the country.

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