

10 feared dead in Warri auto crash

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AT LEAST 10 passengers travelling on Delta City Line bus were feared dead even as several others reportedly sustained injuries on Monday morning along the ever busy Warri-Benin expressway.

The bus with registration number DT497B28, belonging to the state government was coming from Sapele to Warri, the commercial nerve center of Delta state when the incident occurred, a few kilometers from Effurun.

The early morning fog was said to have impaired the driver's vision.

Daily Independent gathered that the driver of the 18-seater Hilux bus, who was on top speed lost control at a rough patch on the road and swerved to another lane and in the process the vehicle rammed into a palm tree in the bush.

It was further gathered that the victims were immediately rushed to undisclosed hospitals in Warri.

When our correspondent visited the scene of the accident, sympathizers, including three armed policemen were seen taking strategic positions while two other iron-benders were seen cutting

through the carcasses of the bus with axes.

The mangled vehicle was littered with raps of fried banana chips, a hawking tray, bottled water, a lady hat, jotter containing Christian sermons, some pieces of human flesh and blood stains.

While the tyres of the bus were still intact, the roof was completely yanked off, the windscreen shattered, and some parts of the bus detached, flung and scattered into the bush.

One of the survivors of the crash, however, came back to the scene to pick a bottle of water believed to be prayer water.

Another survivor who refused to give his name to journalists, simply said he came to take a second look as well as snap shots of the mangled body of the bus that almost claimed his life.

Narrating the experience, he said: "I was in that bus, sitting in the middle of the bus without a seat belt when the driver suddenly lost control and headed for the other lane before plunging into the woods."

Police Public Relations Officer, Delta Command, DSP Charles Muka, could not be reached on phone as his phone indicated that it was switched off.

Obi distributes relief materials, N33m to flood victims

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GOVERNOR Peter Obi of Anambra State, at the weekend, flagged off distribution of flood and other relief materials to all communities in Ogbaru and Anambra West local government areas.

Obi donated the materials to 16 communities ravaged by flood in Ogbaru Local Council at the local government headquarters, Atani.

Apart from the food materials, Obi also presented a cheque for N1million to each of the communities, totaling N16 million.

He did the same thing at Anambra West communities where he also, apart from food items, handed over cheques totaling N17 million to the communities.