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One dead, 11 injured in APC campaign auto crash

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The campaign train of the Edo State chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC), while on a trip to Okada, Ovia North East Local Government Area of the state on Saturday, was involved in a ghastly motor accident along the Benin-Lagos road, leading to the death one party member, with 11 others seriously injured.

According to reports, the 18-seater bus in which the contingent was travelling had a head-on collision with a car that had the posters of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) House of Representatives candidate for Ovia Federal Constituency, daughter of the *Esama* of Benin, Miss Omosede Igbiniedion.

One of the APC members died on the spot while 11 others were taken to the hospital. Governor Adams Oshiomhole who was about leaving his Iyamho village for the venue of the APC rally when he heard the news, immediately ordered for the cancellation of the campaign rally in honour of the victims.

Deputy Governor of the state, Pius Odubu, and the former Minister of State for Works, Chris Ogienwonyi, described the incident as shocking and painful.

"It is a very sad moment for us, losing one of our members and 11 others are in the hospital.

We were supposed to have rallies at Egor and Ovia but when this incident happened the Comrade Governor called that the rallies be cancelled in honour of the victims.

“We are praying for others who are still in the hospital receiving treatment. For now, we have suspended our campaigns,” Odubu said.

Ogienwonyi, in his reaction, said: “It is quite a sad moment for the party and for all of us. Nobody anticipated this as we all woke up this morning ready for the campaigns and it was devastating when we heard this news. Some of us were still on our way to the venue when we were informed that the Comrade Governor ordered for the cancellation of the rally in honour of the victims.

“That was a good decision and he is a governor that cares about his people and we know that he must be devastated right now. But as humans, there is nothing we can do than to pray to Almighty God to receive the soul of the deceased, and quick recovery for those still at the hospital.”

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