

Two Die In Delta Boat Mishap



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Warri- Tragedy struck on Sunday morning when two persons, one a senior clergy of the Diocese of Ughelli, Anglican Communion, die in a boat mishap when a boat conveying crusaders on their way from Okuama to Okwagbe ran into another boat causing serious pandemonium and chaos in the Okwagbe river.

The victims were on their way from a three day crusade of the Diocese of Ughelli which held at Okuama, Ughelli South Local Government Area of Delta State.

The highly successful crusade which saw over 80 persons giving their lives to Christ turned tragic when the boat conveying some of the crusaders ran into another boat in the early hours of Sunday morning.

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Two of the victims were later confirmed dead while the others were rescued alive.

The deceased are Ven A. Avworokai, Archdeacon of Owrode Archdeaconry and Mr Victory Azugo, an undergraduate son of Ven E.E. Azugo, administrative secretary to the Bishop of the Diocese of Ughelli.

The heart-broken Bishop of Ughelli and Archbishop elect of Bendel Province, His Grace the Most Revd Cyril Odiboroghene Odutemu had earlier warned that nobody should leave the crusade ground until 8am on Sunday, but upon serious pleading and pressure, he announced that crusaders could start going home as from 6.30am but the tragedy occurred when the first boat left Okuama at about 5am as they wanted to be home on time so as to be in Church at their various stations.

Eye witness account had it that the early morning dew and cloudy weather of the harmattan season was the reason for the tragedy.



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The Bishop who wanted all crusaders to worship at Okuama was still in the Holy Communion service when the news of the unfortunate incident was broken to him.

The Archbishop elect lamented the loss of his senior clergy and son of an Archdeaconry in the boat mishap describing the tragedy as painful.

As at the time of filing this report, the remains of Victory Azugo were already interred while the Late Ven Avworokai, who was due for retirement in July 2020, has been taken to the mortuary.