

of tax payment to the Lagos State government as part of the bail conditions.

The case was adjourned to Jan.15 for mention.

## **Xmas Tragedy: Pregnant Woman, 3 Others Killed In Auto Crash**

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Tragedy struck in the early hours of Christmas along Ughelli-Asaba highway, when a Toyota Corolla car, with registration number, AA 362 XX, conveying six passengers to Ughelli lost control and burst into flames while in motion, after one of its tires burst.

Reports said that occupants of the vehicle, a pregnant and three others died on the spot, after the vehicle somersaulted several times before crashing into the bush after Isoko axis along Ughelli-Asaba expressway.

An eye witness, who did not want his name in print, said the driver of the vehicle survived the accident but sustained fatal injuries and was rushed to Ughelli General Hospital. He said the car was damage beyond repairs, saying the accident was as a result of the busted front wheel tyre.

LEADERSHIP reliably gathered that it was the fourth time in the month of December that motorists tyre burst while plying the Ughelli-Asaba express road; a situation residents attributed to the purchase of fairly used tyres, which are not road worthy.

Residents of the area, who spoke on the incident with LEADERSHIP, described the accident as pathetic especially on the death of the pregnant woman whom they said was two years old in marriage and called on the federal government to ban the use of fairly used tyres.

LEADERSHIP checks revealed that although massive construction works on the Ughelli-Asaba express road is ongoing, part of the road portend death traps, especially for motorists who are not conversant with the terrain.