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The chairman of the Edo State chapter of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Chief Dan Osi Orbih, yesterday escaped death by the whiskers following a multiple accident involving his convoy at the hilly Ewu community in the state.

The accident which occurred in the morning hours along the Auchi-Abuja-Benin Expressway involved a truck, the SUV in which Chief Orbih was travelling and five other vehicles in his convoy.

However, the driver of the truck was not as lucky as he died in the crash while five others including a High Court judge in the state whose name was simply given as Hon. Justice Jega from Etsako town sustained injuries.

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It was learnt that the trailer was descending the hill at Ewu community on top speed heading towards Auchi town when it rammed into the PDP chairman's convoy, forcing the vehicles to crash into one other, leading to their somersaulting.

It was further learnt that the loud impact of the accident as a result of the force from the trailer had dragged some of the vehicles to a nearby ditch.

The remains of the truck driver were later taken to Irrua Specialist Hospital morgue while the injured were also taken to the hospital for treatment.

Chief Orbih, who was still in shock when contacted on telephone yesterday, said it was God's mercy that saved him from the accident.

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He said he and other occupants of the vehicles in his convoy were travelling to his Ogbona country home when the unexpected happened but he was thankful to God that no member of his team lost their lives.

He said, "Yes, it is true; it was God's mercy that saved us from the accident. I am going to Irrua Specialist Hospital to see those injured. It happened at Ewu hill and my vehicle and others were involved. I think the truck driver lost his break and hit our vehicles. The truck driver died and five persons were injured including one High Court judge; his name is Hon. Jega from Etsako but they are receiving treatment now. We were in a convoy and we were going to my village."

It was gathered that the ugly incident occurred near the dangerous undulating spot where the former state chairman of the PDP, Chief Samson Ekabafe and his son, both legal practitioners, had met their untimely deaths few years ago.

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