

How my wife was killed, by groom

• Uduaghan, others sympathise with victims

GOVERNOR Emmanuel Uduaghan of Delta

State was among the several dignitaries that thronged the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Asaba, yesterday to sympathise with the family of the groom who lost his bride, mother-in-law and five others to a road accident

The family and their friends were on their way back from a traditional wedding in Anambra State.

The governor, who was conducted round the wards where the survivors were being treated, was received on arrival by the Medical Director of the hospital, Dr. Leo Erhumunuse. The doctor re-

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counted the extent of injuries the victims sustained in the accident.

Consoling the victims, Uduaghan assured them of adequate medical attention, saying, "the state will off-set the bill incurred in the course of your treatment. So, do not let your heart be troubled".

At the Male Surgical Ward, the groom, Mr. Emmanuel Kika, who lost his new wife to the accident, narrated how the marriage train left Nsugbe in Anambra State after a successful tradi-

tional rite.

He said: "The 18-seater bus (registration number XA 254 CUE) conveying us was trying to dodge a trailer before it headed for another 18-seater bus (registration number XL 185 KSF) coming from Lagos. The head-on collision later made our bus to somersault severally before it killed my wife and six others.

An eye-witness, Mr. Ejiofor told *The Nation* how those that witnessed the accident wept when they discovered that the head of the bride was decapitated.

"We were shocked when

we discovered that the accident cut off the head of the new wife, not leaving out the mother-in-law and five others, including two drivers, leaving several others badly wounded".

The governor, who attributed the cause of several avoidable accidents to over-speeding and the care-free attitudes of drivers, called on commercial drivers to be more careful on dual carriage roads and condoled with the families of the victims.

"What has happened is an act of God. God giveth, God taketh, and blessed be the name of the Lord," he said.