

One killed in Cross River car crash

ONE person was killed in a crash at the weekend on the Odukpani axis of the Calabar-Itu Road.

A car with registration number, Lagos ML854 KJA, rammed into a stationary truck.

The deceased, an unidentified young man, was a passenger in the vehicle, which was said to be coming from Obubra.

Five others, including the driver, were injured in the accident, which occurred at 7am.

The truck, with registration number, Akwa Ibom XA 304 AED, was said to have been abandoned after it developed mechanical faults on Friday.

From Nicholas Kalu, Calabar

Officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the police were on the scene.

A survivor, Ms Blessing Osim, said she boarded the vehicle at Ugep.

She said when she got in, the young man was sitting in front with another girl.

"I do not know where he entered but the vehicle came from Obubra," she said.

Ms Osim said the accident happened during a rain, which caused poor visibility.

She said the driver was on top speed.

"The driver did not see that the truck was parked

here until he got close to it. But he could not stop the vehicle," she said.

Ms Osim said the vehicle had five passengers, adding that the girl sitting in front with the deceased had a deep cut on her forehead while the driver sustained the same injury.

It was gathered that few minutes after the accident,

the vehicle was ransacked by hoodlums.

It was learnt that some items were stolen from the pockets of the deceased, making it difficult for FRSC officials to identify him.

State Sector Commander Yusuf Salami said the driver was on top speed.

Salami also said the vehicle was over loaded.

Ezekwesili advises youths

From Bisi Olanlyl, Port Harcourt

Nigerians to demand accountability and good governance from their leaders, especially public office holders.

Mrs Ezekwesili, who is also a former Education Minister, spoke in Port Harcourt

AN ex-Vice-President of the World Bank, Dr. Oby Ezekwesili, has said democracy is not complete, until citizens begin to participate in political activities.

She said such participation would create a platform for