

Drunk driver kills expectant mum, six others

A DRIVER, suspected to have been drunk, crashed his car into a tricycle and scores of commuters at the weekend, killing an expectant mother and six others.

The incident occurred at Opolo, a suburb of Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital.

Sources identified one of the victims as Miss Akpotu Olorogun, a native of Ammassoma in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area.

The driver reportedly fled the scene. Residents said some of the victims had been buried according to Islamic rites.

Police spokesman Alex Akhigbe

• Police search for murder suspects

From Mike Odiegwu, Yenagoa

confirmed the incident. He said efforts were on to arrest the driver.

The police are searching also for members of a gang, who reportedly beheaded a 40-year-old woman, Lydia David.

The deceased was reportedly attacked in a bush behind the state-owned Palm Estate at Azikoro in Yenagoa.

The incident occurred three weeks after the eyes of a 34-year-old mentally challenged woman

were removed by suspected ritualists at the popular Swali Market in Yenagoa.

Mrs. David's headless body, according to the Divisional Police Officer of Azikoro, Fidelis Ofuna, was found by her family.

Ofuna said family members launched the search when the deceased did not return home at night.

The victim, a mother of five, was an indigene of Ughelli in Delta State.

It was learnt that she left home at 3pm to inspect her fishing traps at a

swamp.

Her son, Junior, said the family became worried when his mother did not return home at 8pm.

He said: "It was strange. My father raised the alarm and a search party was organised.

"We mobilised and searched the bushes and later discover her headless body."

It was gathered that the head was discovered few days later at an uncompleted building on Goodnews Street in Azikoro.

Akhigbe confirmed the development and said the police had begun investigation.