



Four kids, woman crushed to death in Bayelsa

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Four children and a woman were crushed to death at the weekend in Bayelsa State.

The incidents occurred on two separate locations.

A two-year-old girl was said to have been crushed in one of the accidents, which triggered a protest by residents of Osiri Road in Yenagoa Local Government Area.

It was gathered that the vehicle, which killed the unidentified girl, belongs to a local government chairman and was driven by his driver.

The driver was said to have escaped lynching from the residents, who attempted to burn the Prado Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV).

The victim, identified as Favour Kelechi, was said to have run into the road.

A source said the incident occurred when the council chairman visited a resident.

"After the chairman finished his visit, the driver, who was attempting to move the car to pick up his principal, drove in a rough and speedy manner. He could not control the vehicle when the child suddenly ran into his path," the source, who spoke in confidence, said.

Police spokesman Butswat Asinim, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), confirmed the incident.

He said: "The report from the Ekeki Divisional headquarters of the police showed that it was a fatal motor and pedestrian accident.

"On July 31, at 3.30pm, on Mbiama/Yenagoa Road by Osiri Junction, a black Prado SUV with an unknown registration number knocked down Favour Kelechi, two, a female. The victim was rushed to hospital but died a few minutes later."

The second incident, it was gathered, happened in Sagbama Local Government Area, resulting in the death of a woman and her three children on the East-West Road.

A Toyota SUV was said to have rammed into a roadside market at Adagbabiri Junction and killed the victims at 3:40pm.

An eyewitness, who gave his name simply as Kelvin, said the woman and her children were having lunch when the car ran into their kiosk and crushed them.



"Of the woman and her four children, she and three of the children have been confirmed dead; one is

still battling to live,” Kelvin said.

The deceased mother was identified as Ruth and the children’s names are: Favour, 9, Godsgift, 5 and one-year-old Oghenerho.

Butswat said the SUV, with registration number YEN726RG, was coming from Patani.

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