



Onu visits families of dead APC members

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• Onu (in white) consoling relatives of a late party member... yesterday

Minister of Science and Technology Dr Ogonnaya Onu yesterday visited families of the 10 All Progressives Congress (APC) members who died in an accident.

The party faithful were travelling to Enugu State on December 11 to witness the Court of Appeal judgment on the governorship election when the Sienna bus they were travelling in collided with an articulated vehicle at the Ezzamgbo axis of the Abakaliki-Enugu Expressway.

Onu said the death was a loss, not only to the families, but to the party, state and the nation because it lost a crop of young men and women in their prime.

He urged the families to bear the losses with fortitude and promised that the party will assist them in anyway necessary to assuage their losses.

The APC chief noted that the APC is the only party interested in the welfare of the poorest members of the population as highlighted in the 2016 budget presented by President Muhamadu Buhari.

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He expressed optimism that when the budget is passed, a new lease of life will be injected into the economy and lives of the ordinary Nigerian will change for the better.

The minister was accompanied by a Board of Trustee member, Chief Austine Edeze, State Chairman Nwachukwu Eze, former Commissioner for Works Dr Paul Okorie, and others.

Responding on behalf of the families, Paschal Nwelem, who lost his sister, said the visit showed that the party takes the interest and welfare of its members seriously.



He however lamented the politicisation of the death by the Ebonyi State Government, which he

accused of organising protests and using other negative actions to whip up unnecessary sentiments.

Nwelem said such actions were causing more grieve to the families of the dead.

“They have told lies against our dead and even we the living. They have made announcements claiming that we are requesting for assistance to bury our relatives. Such lies are aggravating our sorrow. The action is wicked and even more painful coming from a government that is supposed to be sensitive to the plight of its citizens. How can you order people who are in mourning to come to the Government House and register to receive assistance,” he lamented.

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