

# Double accidents kill two corps members in Bayelsa

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The National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Bayelsa State, has been thrown into mourning following the death of two of its serving members in Yenagoa, the state capital.

The corps members numbering four were reportedly involved in double accidents while returning from the state office of NYSC in Yenagoa on Monday.

The victims identified as Adejina Victor, Omofopa Godwin, Obieze Chukwuemeka and Alaromi Olumide left Koluama 2, the place of their primary assignments in Southern Ijaw for Yenagoa to undertake their clearance at the NYSC office.

It was gathered that after concluding their clearance, the corps members boarded a commercial tricycle, popularly known as Keke, to a waterside where they would board a boat to Koluama.

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But a tipper, whose driver was said to have lost its control, hit the tricycle conveying the corps members on the Swali Bridge.

Sympathizers, who rushed to scene, were said to have transferred the critically injured corps members to another tricycle, which hurried them to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Yenagoa for treatment.

It was gathered that the tricycle, which was racing to the hospital to save the lives of the corps members, was involved in another accident.

Two of the corps members were said to have died on the spot at the scene of the second accident while two others were in life-threatening conditions.

Among the two dead victims, who hailed from Benue and Ondo, one of them was supposed to complete his service on July 5th.

A tricycle driver, Bayaninu Ali, who was injured in the second accident said: "I was driving my Keke when another Keke that was rushing the injured people to the hospital hit me. My fellow driver was in a hurry. He didn't look and that was why the accident occurred".

Narrating the incident, the Vicar of St. John Anglican Church, Koluama 2, Rev. Emmanuel Chikwendu, described the incident as unfortunate.

He said: "We came together to Koluama. This morning we arrived at Yenagoa at about 10am. They went for their clearance. They finished it and were on their way back when a tipper hit them on Swali Bridge".

Speaking on the incident, the state Coordinator, NYSC, Loto Omolayo, said the corps was saddened by the tragedy.