

① Tanker crushes nine pupils to death in Delta

NO fewer than nine students of Army Children's Primary School, Effurun, Uvwie council area of Delta State, have been crushed to death by a petrol-laden tanker.

The vehicle reportedly ran into them yesterday afternoon.

Several others were rushed to the military hospital in General David Ejoor Barracks,

From Elo Edremoda, Warri

Effurun, and Central Hospital, Warri.

The Nation learnt that the incident occurred at a link road opposite the barracks.

It was gathered that 12 pupils were rushed to Central Hospital, Warri, among whom nine were confirmed dead on arrival.

The other three were re-

portedly referred to Delta State University Teaching Hospital (DELSUTH), Oghara, after being stabilised.

The students were said to be returning home after school hours when the incident occurred.

The Nation learnt that three of the deceased pupils were siblings.

A combined team of the army, Federal Road Safety

Corps (FRSC) and other security agencies made efforts to recover other pupils believed to be trapped under the tanker.

Firefighters were equally drafted to the scene to prevent fire outbreak.

The police command, through its spokesman Bright Edafe confirmed the accident.

He added that the whereabouts of the driver was unknown.

Four die of food poisoning in Kwana community