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# 5 DIE AS OKADARUNS INTO MOTORCADE

## ...Okorocho assists in taking deceased to mortuary

FIVE people died on Monday when a motorcyclist ran into the motorcade of a presidential aspirant at Ochadamu on the Ajaokuta-Anyingba road in Kogi.

Eye-witnesses said the motorcyclist, his two passengers, and two by-standers, who were students of Olofu Community Secondary School, Ochadamu, died on the spot, while a girl, also a by-stander sustained injuries.

The motorcade was that of Action Alliance (AA) presidential aspirant Chief Rochas Okorocho who, a party member, Abdullahi Adaji said, was travelling with the party's governorship aspirant Mr Joseph Umoru to Anyingba for a political rally.

Adaji said Okorocho had to call-off the rally and personally ensured that the bodies of the deceased were taken to the mortuary.

Adaji added that Okorocho promised to visit the bereaved families at a later date to console them.

Confirming the story yesterday in Lokoja, the state police spokesman, Ambrose Igboke said investigation into the incident had commenced and the driver of the car was being de-

tained to help in the investigation.

Igbokwe added that the girl,

who sustained injuries was being treated at Ochadamu Memorial Hospital.

## Bakassi: AKSG seeks FG's assistance over indigenes

From PATRICK TITUS, Uyo

THE Akwa Ibom State Governor Obong Victor Attah has appealed for Federal Government's assistance to enable the state provide succour to its indigenes leaving in Bakassi which has now been ceded to Cameroon.

Governor Attah made the plea when he received the Joint House committee on Special Duties and National Emergency and Disaster Management led by its Chairman, Mr. George Sekibo who paid her a courtesy visit in Uyo on Wednesday.

Obong Attah who also expressed worry over the non-inclusion of Akwa Ibom indigenes on the committee set up by the Federal Government to resettle those from Bakassi Peninsula, pointed out that the state constitutes 60 per cent of the population of the incoming Bakassi people.

He observed that the ongoing

plan to settle them in Akabuyo in Cross River State would be seen as "adding more pepper to the injury" as they are not from there but Akwa Ibom.

On the protracted hostilities in Ika Local Government Area of the state, the governor said it was internal, cautioning that it should not be linked to the general restiveness in the Niger-Delta region, even as he also stated that Ika is not an oil producing area.

He alleged that Ika crisis is masterminded by some politicians who have chosen to gain political powers through violence preparatory to the forthcoming general elections, saying however that the state government was doing its best to restore peace and order to the area.

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