8 others to death in Jigawa

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HE biting fuel scarcity in Jigawa State took its toll Saturday evening when a vehicle crushed a heavily pregnant woman and eight others to death at Jahun Roundabout in Jahun Local Government Area of the state.

Navy recovers
1,330 jerrycans
of petrol from
oil thieves

THE Nigerian Navy has confirmed the recovery of 1,330 jerrycans filled with petroleum during a raid on oil thieves in Atlas Cove Island in Lagos, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) has

reported.

The Nigerian Navy Ship (NNS) Beecroft Commander, Rear Admiral Maurice Eno, told journalists on Saturday night that the product was evacuated from a storage facility in Ilado/Idimangoro area of the Island.

According to the naval chief, the petroleum product was stolen from vandalised NNPC pipelines on Atlas Cove Island.

Eno said that no person was found at the storage facility during the raid.

He said that the navy monitored activities in the area for about three weeks to ascertain the veracity of the information.

"On December 14, at about 8.10 a.m., a detachment of personnel from the NNS Beecroft raided the locations and discovered a storage facility having over 1,500 jerrycans.

"About 1,330 of the jerrycans contained product suspected to be Premium Motor Spirit(PMS) believed to have been siphoned from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) pipelines laid on the Island.

"At the time of the raid, no person was found on the storage facility," he said.

"The team also discovered the siphoning points where valves were connected by the vandals to steal the product.

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According to an eyewitness who wanted to remain
anonymous, the pregnant
woman and other people
were waiting desperately at
the bus-stop for commercial vehicles, which were
scarce due to the fuel scarcity, when an over-speeding car, which tried to avoid
a collision with another vehicle, crushed the victims to
death.

It was gathered that the driver was the only occupant of the dark green Honda Civic car with registration number AA160KMC, which was coming from Gujungu Jahun Road when the accident occurred. An eyewitness account told the Nigerian Tribune that the victims of the accident, mostly women and children, were crushed to death; while some injured victims were rushed to the Jahun General hospital.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that an attempt was made by the medical personnel at the general hospital to save the pregnant woman's baby but both eventually died.

Many stranded passengers were desperately waiting at the bus-stop for commercial vehicles that have suddenly gone scarce due to the prevailing fuel scarcity and were mostly at the edge of the main road when the unfortunate incident occurred.

The car driver, on sensing the damage he had caused, was reported to have immediately ran away and abandoned the car.

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