

Pregnant woman riding motorcycle burnt to death in Delta accident

TRAGEDY struck in Delta State, on Tuesday, as a motorcycle accident left a pregnant woman burnt beyond recognition.

According to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)**, the incident occurred at Oghara town, headquarters of **Ethiopia West Local Government Area** of the state.

The victim, identified by residents as **Madam Gbogbo**, was said to be a dealer in second-hand clothes as well as black market petrol.

Witnesses told a **NAN** correspondent in Abuja that the accident also involved a Sport Utility Vehicle at Navy Junction on Ibori road.

"The woman was returning from a petrol depot with a jerry can of fuel she bought when the SUV knocked down her motorcycle.

"She was personally riding the motorcycle, with the

jerry can placed on the tank in front of her.

"The fuel exploded in the process, and there was nothing anyone could do to save her life," one of them said.

Graphic images and videos sent to **NAN** showed the woman lying motionless in flames beside her burning motorcycle, with sympathisers watching and wailing from afar.

In one of the images, firefighters could be seen extinguishing the flame around the woman's burnt remains.

Public Relations Officer of the state police command **Andrew Aniamaka**, confirmed the incident to **NAN**.

Aniamaka said the driver of the vehicle had been taken into custody, while investigation was ongoing into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Residents told **NAN** that Tuesday's accident was the fourth fatal case recorded in Oghara within the last one week.

In May, a 35-year-old female petrol black marketeer suffered a similar fate in the town after the product she reportedly stored in her house caught fire and razed an entire residential building.

2 corps members die as tipper lorry hits tricycle in Bayelsa

FEDERAL Road Safety Corps (FRSC), on Tuesday, confirmed the death of two **National Youth Service Corps (NYSC)** members in an auto crash in Bayelsa State.

The Sector Commander in the state, **Mr Ikechukwu Igwe**, told the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** in Yenagoa that two other corps members were injured in the incident.

"Yes, the incident occurred on Monday at Swali Bridge in Yenagoa Local Government Area of Bayelsa; the tricycle the corps members boarded was hit by a tipper lorry.

"Two among them died while two others who were injured are receiving treatment at the Federal Medical Centre, Yenagoa.

"Today, Tuesday, our personnel will be going to the hospital to check on how they are responding to treatment," **Igwe** said.

Reacting to the incident, State Coordinator, **NYSC**, **Mrs Loto Bolade-Omolayo**, described the incident as "unfortunate."

"Two of the corps members died as a result of the injuries sustained during

the accident, while the other two are being treated by a team of competent consultants at the **FMC**.

"The **NYSC** family is saddened by this sudden loss. We commiserate with their families on this unfortunate incident and pray for the repose of the souls of the dead and quick recovery of the injured corps members," she stated.

21-yr-old to die by hanging for robbing policemen of motorcycles

SAM NWAOKO - ADO EKITI

AN Ekiti State High Court sitting in Ado Ekiti has sentenced a 21-year-old man, **Abdulateef Babatunde**, to death for armed robbery.

The court, presided over by Justice **Dele Omotoso**, ruled that **Babatunde** should die by hanging for robbing a policeman and one other of their motorcycles.

count charge of armed robbery brought against him by the prosecution.

Babatunde was accused of robbing one **Sergeant Kayode Babatimilehin** of his **Bajaj** motorcycle with registration number **GED 550 QA**, on or about June 16, 2016 at **NTA Road** in **Ado Ekiti**.

According to the charge sheet, the accused also robbed one **Sergeant Sheidu**

cle with registration number **ADK 193 QH**.

The prosecution said the convict, while committing the robbery, was armed with offensive weapons, including a gun.

Babatunde was said to have stopped **Babatimilehin** and asked for his hackney ticket but the policeman told the convict that he was not a commercial motorcycle operator.

The prosecutor said the

ly-made pistol, pointed it at him and dispossessed him of the bike.

But he was later arrested after being given a hot chase by some motorcycle riders and taken to **Okesa Police Station**, after being apprehended.

Ganiyu in his evidence told the court that he gave the convict a ride on his motorcycle from **Egbewa area**, heading to **Abuja Quarters**,