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Soldier, policeman, one other die in Delta auto crash

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A soldier and two passengers, including a police traffic warden, on Saturday, died in an auto crash in Warri, Delta State.

The accident involved a black Toyota Land Cruiser with registration number: LAGOS KSF 738 AT and a Suzuki mini bus with registration number: DELTA PTN 442 XA, painted with the state's colour.

The accident occurred at a bridge near Texaco Junction, along the Nigeria Ports Authority (NPA) expressway.

The soldier and the traffic

warden, whose identities had yet to be disclosed as of press time, were reportedly in the commercial mini bus that runs town service.

The crash was allegedly caused by the driver of the Toyota, who, being on high speed, rammed into the public transport mini bus which had stopped for a passenger to alight.

A witness, Tega Akpokere, who spoke with **Sunday Tribune**, gave a gory detail of the tragedy in pigin.

"The thing happen around this afternoon when the jeep jam the bus enter water. Dem rush some of them go hospital, people whey

dey the jeep, na faint them faint. Na the bus people, Army man and other ones, die [sic]," he noted.

Meanwhile, Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Delta State, Mr Rindom Kumven, in a telephone interview with Sunday Tribune, confirmed the incident.

He said six male adults were involved in the accident that was caused by excessive speeding by the driver of the Toyota Land Cruiser.

Three, including the army personnel and traffic warden, died, while three others sustained injuries.

Kumven said the accident

occurred at about 9:00 a.m., while his men from the Warri Unit Command got the hint and rushed to the scene at 10:05 a.m.

He further disclosed that "the victims were rescued and taken to Ekpan Hospital and Warri Central Hospital by the combined team of FRSC and the Nigeria Police.

"Among the dead victims were a soldier, a police traffic warden and a civilian. The corpses have been deposited at the Warri Central Hospital, while the vehicles have been towed to Ekpan Police Division," Kumven disclosed.