

## 'NDAMA'II inspire greater achievement'

THE Newaves Innovation, has said that the Niger Delta Achievers Merit Award will inspire people to be goal-oriented and invest their resources in societal development.

According to a statement on Wednesday, the organisation's Public Relations Officer, Emore Ogho, said the award was not a popularity contest or an avenue for sycophancy but a call to duty and an avenue to celebrate outstanding achievements and people from the region.

The recipients are President

# Enugu lawmaker's wife, seven others die in auto crash

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A member of the Enugu State House of Assembly, Mr. Emmanuel Maduagwu, on Wednesday lost his wife in a car accident, in which the lawmaker was severely injured and slipped into a coma.

Seven other people were reportedly killed in the

accident, which our correspondent gathered, occurred along the Enugu - Port Harcourt Expressway.

Both the legislator's driver and the driver of the other vehicle, a mass transit bus, with which the lawmaker's car collided, died on the spot.

Maduagwu who represents Awgu South in the state House of

Assembly, was said to have been returning from a meeting he held with members of his constituency at Awgu in company with his wife, when the accident occurred.

According to a source in the assembly, the lawmaker was rushed to the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu, where he was admitted to the

intensive care unit.

The Public Relations Officer, Enugu State Command, Ebere Amarizu, told our correspondent he was yet to be informed about the accident.

"I am just hearing it from you now. You are the first to tell me. I will ask and get back to you," he said.

Chairman, House Committee on Information

and Communication, Mr. Marcel Njeze, confirmed that Maduagwu was involved in an accident and that his wife died.

"Yes, he had an accident. The wife died on the spot. Right now, he is at the intensive care unit of UNTH. The doctors are battling to save his life. We pray he survives.

"Meanwhile, we (his colleagues) are rallying round to see what we can do," Njeze told our correspondent on Wednesday.

