

Motorcyclists feared dead in Sylva's convoy

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A motorcyclist was reportedly feared dead on Sunday after he was hit by the convoy of the Bayelsa state Governor, Chief Timipre Sylva.

Our correspondent gathered that the incident occurred at the PDP Road Junction along the Isaac Boro Express Way, Yenagoa, at about 3:30pm.

It was gathered that the victim, whose name could not be ascertained, allegedly died before he could get medical help.

It was gathered that the governor and his entourage were travelling to Port Harcourt, in Rivers State to attend the wedding ceremony of one of the daughters of Johnny Turner, the Board Chairman of Federal Inland Waterways when the incident happened.

Turner is the Paramount Ruler of Opume community, in Ogbia Local Government Area, the hometown of President Goodluck Jonathan.

The Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Mr. Doifie Ola, confirmed the incident, but argued that the convoy did not kill the man.

He explained that the motorcyclist ran into the convoy out of fear but was later rushed to the Government House clinic in Yenagoa at the directive of the governor.

He said, "We were travelling to Port Harcourt when the incident occurred. It was raining and a motorcyclist, who was carrying planks, ran into our convoy.