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Four persons, including a politician from Ogrigabene community, Bomadi Council Area of Delta State, were feared dead in a boat mishap on Saturday night.

The victims, all males, were said to have died when a speed boat they were travelling in collided with an oncoming boat.

The incident occurred two weeks after an eight-year-old child, identified as Ebi, was killed in a boat mishap in Warri South Local Government of the state.

Sources told our correspondent that the Saturday incident shocked the coastal community, being the first of its kind in Ogrigabene.

One of the survivors of the boat mishap said the commercial passenger speed boat, which had about eight passengers on board, was sailing around 8pm in the creeks of the River Ramos when the incident occurred.

A source who would not want his name in print blamed the incident on the fact that the boat operator was moving without marine illuminator.

A community source, who identified himself as Mr. Clovis Tuodonye, said two siblings whose parents were petty traders and a promising politician, Mr. Oweighagbe Debekeme who just won the Ward Four chairmanship of the Peoples Democratic Party's Congress in Bomadi Local Government Area of the state, were among the dead.

"The name of the dead politician is Mr. Oweighagbe Debekeme. He was seen as a bridge builder in the politics of the community."

The Police Public Relations Officer in Delta, Mr. Charles Muka, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, said he had not been briefed on the incident.

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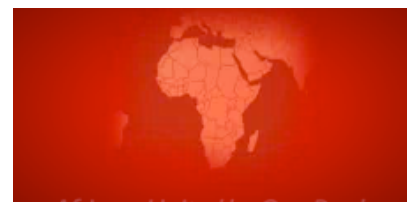
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Kaycee Ify April 23, 2012 at 11:23 pm

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