Similarly, two revenue agents, on Monday, died in a road crash on the Omoku-Egbema Road in the Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area of Rivers State.

Eyewitnesses blamed the crash on the poor state of the road as two had a head-on collision.

Details of the crash were still sketchy as of the time of filing this report, but passers-by and eyewitnesses moved in to rescue two others involved in the accident, while others were in tears after they identified the dead victims.

An eyewitness, simply identified as Pastor Ifeanyi, expressed sadness at the incident and called on the state government to complete the rehabilitation of the road, adding that the victims died on the spot.

Ifeanyi stated, "The driver, who is one of our brothers, and known as Mbaji, and one Bari, died on the spot and two other people were rescued. It is very painful to the Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni (ONELGA) people. ONELGA has lost two vibrant young men. It is a big loss to ONELGA and Rivers State at large. This road has been destroying a lot of things.

"This road was awarded by the present government almost two years now. We are begging the government to please complete the road."

Another eyewitness said residents of the area should pray against what he called forces of darkness on the road.

"Two revenue collectors just lost their lives in a terrible motor accident. It is for the grace of God that one person inside the vehicle survived," he added.

Efforts to reach the Chairman of Ogba/Egbeme/Ndoni Local Government Area, Ifeanyi Odili, proved abortive as he neither took his calls nor reply to a text message sent to his mobile telephone.

On his part, the spokesman for the state police command, Nnamdi Omoni, said he had yet to get the report of the incident.