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information on the incident.

Driver missing as tanker kills six Army school pupils in Delta

Dele Ogunyemi, Warri

TRAGEDY befell Army Children Primary School, Effurun in the Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State on Thursday as **sidents, N500 on cow**

He disclosed that the committee equally submitted modalities for the payment of the levy.

Jobe said, "After receiving the report, we resolved that each adult in the state, including non-indigenes as well as male and female civil servants, are to pay N2,000 each as development levy annually.

"For the cattle levy, every cow owner will pay N500 per cow annually. We are going to push the matter to the state House of Assembly for legislative process."

no fewer than six students of the school were crushed to death by a fuel laden tanker.

Eyewitnesses said the accident occurred around 3pm directly opposite the Gen. David Ejoor Barracks of the Nigerian Army.

The students were reportedly returning from school when the tanker, laden with petroleum product, ran into them.

The PUNCH gathered that three of the deceased students are siblings.

Apart from the students who reportedly died on the spot, some others were said to have been left with injuries and were rushed to the nearby Army Hospital inside Effurun Barracks and the Central Hospital, Warri.

It was gathered that 12 students were rushed to the Central Hospital

Warri. Of the number, a source said that six of them were confirmed dead on arrival while three others were reportedly referred to the Delta State University Teaching Hospital, Oghara.

A joint team of the Nigerian Army, FRSC and other security agencies were seen making frantic efforts to recover students trapped under the tanker.

Consequently, the accident caused gridlock along the ever-busy Effurun/NPA Road as it was blocked to vehicular movement while fire-fighters were also drafted to the scene to prevent fire outbreak.

The acting Police Public Relations Officer for Delta State command, DSP Bright Edefe, said six students were crushed to death, adding, "The number is tentative."