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Teacher Killed Over N45,000

A teacher in Bayelsa State, Zacharias Ezi, was killed by a motorist at the Amarata suburb of Yenagoa where he had gone to collect his N45,000 medical allowance, NAN reports.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) learnt that the motorist

hit Ezi as he was crossing a busy road in the area.

Ezi, a native of Akumoni in Yenagoa Local Government Area of Bayelsa, died minutes after he was rushed to a nearby hospital.

Meanwhile, the acting Secretary of the post-primary schools board, Mr. Omadi Kojo, has lauded the state government for the payment of the second phase of medical allowances to primary schools teachers in the state.

Kojo told NAN in Yenagoa that the payment of the medical allowance to teachers would go a long way to reduce the backlog of debts owed them.

He, however, expressed concern over the non-implementation of annual increments for teachers in Yenagoa council area as was done in some other local government councils.

Kojo expressed regret over the non-payment of 2005 leave bonus in spite of the fact that funds meant for the payment had been released.

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not as a result of shortage, "but rather because of transportation problems.

"The snag is that of transportation from Lagos to other parts of the country because Warri and Kaduna refineries were down since the past four months due to pipeline vandalism," Ajuonuma explained.

He gave assurances that there was no cause for alarm since repair works on the pipeline would soon commence and pumping of crude to the two refineries would resume.