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3 die, others wounded in tricycle accident

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At least five persons lost their lives and three others seriously wounded in tricycle accident that occurred at various spots yesterday in Warri, Delta State.

① It was gathered that three persons died instantly in an accident that occurred along the busy NPA expressway while their vehicle was attempting to overtake a trailer. In the incident, two passengers were badly injured as the tricycle was damaged beyond recognition.

② Also, two persons were killed in another accident that

occurred at Effurun roundabout when a tricycle collided with a Hiace commercial bus plying Effurun-Warri Sapele road. Three other passengers and the driver were said to be in critical state at a private hospital in Warri.

According to eyewitness account, the tricycle, popularly known as 'Keke' was at the middle of two vehicles and at a point, the driver could not meander his way out of the vehicles.

Those who witnessed the gory incident wailed endlessly as the mangled bodies of the victims were pulled out of the tricycle at Effurun roundabout.

The tricycle accident had increased the records of such

accidents since November 1 last year when Okada was banned in parts of the state by Governor Emmanuel Udughan, a lot of persons have died and maimed for life.

Available record showed that in the first quarter of this year, no less than 15 persons lost their lives even as scores of the tricycle were damaged.

Checks revealed that following the spate of accidents, people had become skeptical of boarding the tricycle, which they termed as dangerous to human life.

They, therefore, urged the state government to provide more buses to reduce accidents and untimely deaths on the roads.

The National the Peoples Party (PP) Bamanga Tukur insinuations in the the national leader party connived with chieftains of the Rivers State to incite crisis in the state.

Tukur, in a state available to news day, distanced National Working (NWC) from the in the Rivers State Assembly.

He expressed desire to ensure returns immediate Rivers State Assembly in particu