

## SOUTH-SOUTH NEWS

# 7 die in road accident in Delta

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**S**even persons have died in a ghastly motor accident that occurred on Sunday night along the Warri-Sapele highway in Delta State.

It was gathered that all the children inside the bus in which the passengers were travelling survived the accident that caused traffic gridlock along the ever busy expressway.

Sources told Daily Sun that the commercial bus driver was on "high speed"

when one of the tyres of the vehicle was punctured by a sharp object and the vehicle somersaulted several times before it landed in a bush path.

But one of the passengers identified as Doris Ewherge, who was nursing a one-year-old baby, threw out her child through the window, apparently when she saw death coming.

Daily Sun further gathered that all the babies in the vehicle survived, including Doris' baby and they came out of the crash unscathed.

On-the-spot investiga-

tion showed that five persons including Doris died instantly, while two others, gave up the ghost on the way to the hospital.

The incident, which occurred a few kilometer to their destination, Koko, was described by sympathizers as the worst in recent times.

A close relation of Doris, who did not want his name in print, described the death of his "dear sister" as most painful.

According to him, Doris had been praying for the fruit of the womb since 1994, when she had her

first baby.

"Imagine, my sister who had just been blessed with a child after 14 years, did not live to see her children grow. We are very sad, because she recently did a special thanksgiving in Warri thanking God for answering her prayer," said the young man amidst tears.

Meanwhile, the remains of the deceased have been deposited at the Sapele Hospital morgue while the children of the dead have been taken away by relatives of the victims.

