

# 3 UNIBEN lecturers roasted in auto accident

• Edo governor, Obaseki, mourns varsity teachers

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**THREE** University of Benin (UNIBEN) lecturers, who were in the same faculty, were roasted in an auto accident which occurred at Abudu, on Benin-Asaba-Onitsha Road, which killed 22 people, last weekend.

UNIBEN confirmed the death of the three lecturers in the road crash.

They were buried at the weekend.

The institution said the three lecturers were in the Faculty of Pharmacy and added that they were

returning from Awka, in Anambra State, when they died in a multiple accident which involved eight vehicles.

The lecturers were identified as Prof. Lucky Okunrobo, head of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Dr. Godwin Joseph, acting head, Pharmaceutical Microbiology and Dr. Saturday Idemudia, assistant lecturer, Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology.

A statement by UNIBEN's spokesman, Mr. Michael Osasuyi, said the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fara-

day Orunmwense, was shocked when he heard of the death of the three lecturers and has commiserated with their families.

The lecturers and other victims of the accident were given mass burial near the site of the tragedy.

Public Relations Officer of Edo State Sector Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps, (FRSC) George Otoaviokhai, said the victims were buried last Saturday, and added that their charred bodies could not be identified by

their families.

Meanwhile, Governor, Godwin Obaseki has commiserated with the institution, in a condolence message signed by his Chief Press Secretary, Mr John Mayaki.

The governor described the number of lives lost in the incident as "unfortunate and mind boggling."

"This, indeed, was an unfortunate incident where several lives, including three members of the academia died in one fell swoop.

"We remember family members who lost their loved ones in the sad incident and we share in their pain.

"While the state government will liaise with relevant agencies to know the actual cause of the accident, the state government, however, encourages motorists and other road users to comply with traffic safety measures at all times, especially during this festive period," the governor said.

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