

2 corps members die, 2 others injured in auto crash

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TWO members of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) were killed and two others injured in a motor accident along Swali Bridge, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, yesterday.

A witness said a truck, with registration number SAG 242 XA lost control and collided with a commercial tricycle (Keke NAPEP) that was conveying the corps members.

The witness, John Okorie, said the four corps members were rushed into another Keke NAPEP to convey them to the hospital.

He said on their way to the hospital, another vehicle rammed into the keke, killing two of

the NYSC members while two others were seriously injured.

Sources at the NYSC disclosed that the victims, Adejina Victor, Omofopa Godwin, Obieze Chukwuemeka and Alaromi Olumide, had arrived Yenagoa from Koluama 2 in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area, their place of primary assignment, to complete their clearance at the NYSC state headquarters.

They had completed their mission to Yenagoa and were heading to the Yenagoa Jetty to board a boat back to Koluama when the accident occurred.

The incident, the state coordinator of the NYSC, Loto Omolayo, said, has thrown corps members in the state into mourning.

Omolayo in, a statement, said: "Four corps members serving in Bayelsa were involved in an accident at Swali Bridge in Yenagoa and were immediately rushed to the Federal Medical Centre.

"The tricycle they boarded was hit by a tipper and, unfortunately, two of the corps members died as a result of injuries sustained during the accident, while two are being treated by a team of competent consultants at the FMC. The NYSC family is saddened by the sudden losses. We have also informed and commiserated with the families on this unfortunate incident. We pray for the repose of the souls of the dead and quick recovery of the injured corps members."