

5 die in Ogun auto crash gunmen kill 3 in Rivers

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FIVE persons lost their lives while two others sustained serious injuries in a ghastly motor accident yesterday morning at Ita Oba area, Orlé Imo, along Abeokuta-Siun-Sagamu expressway.

According to the Ogun State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Clement Oladele, the accident, which occurred around 7am, was suspected to have been caused by excessive speeding and burst tyre.

In another development, gunmen killed three persons in Alakahia community, in Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State. Daily Sun gathered that the gunmen had stormed Alakahia and killed the victims in front of an eatery at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH) Junction.

Oladele explained that the crash involved nine male adults, who were traveling in two different vehicles - a black Honda Accord with registration number EKY 365 FB and a green Honda space

wagon with registration number KTU 246.

The FRSC sector commander stated that the Honda Accord saloon lost one of its tyres on motion, veered off to the opposite direction and collided head on with the space wagon, killing five persons on the spot and injuring two. Two others escaped unhurt.

According to him, those injured were taken to Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH) Sagamu, for treatment while the bodies of the dead were deposited at the mortuary of the same hospital.

While commiserating with the relatives of the victims and advising members of the public whose relatives might have travelled along the axis to visit OOUTH for identification of the bodies, he urged motorists to properly maintain their vehicles and drive within approved speed limits.

Meanwhile, it was further gathered that the gunmen arrived UPTH Junction along the East-West road around 9pm and shot sporadically, killing three persons. The state Police Public Rela-

tions Officer, Nnamdi Omoni, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) confirmed the incident.

Omoni disclosed that the victims had been deposited at the UPTH mortuary, revealing that the command has also launched investigations into the killings with CCTV video clip of the incident already received.

He noted that normalcy has been restored in the place and assured that at the end of investigation those behind the killings would be prosecuted. He urged residents of the area to remain calm, but bold enough to report suspicious activities in the area.

The police spokesman also disclosed that the command has rescued four persons, who were abducted in the state last weekend. The victims, who were identified as lecturers, were said to be returning to Port Harcourt from Abia State when they were abducted by gunmen along the Port Harcourt-Aba expressway.

Omoni told journalists that the kidnap victims were rescued in a forest at Obibi community in Etche Local Government Area of the state. He said the rescue op-

erations were carried out by an anti-kidnap unit of the command led by CSP Shadare.

He added that two suspects, who had earlier been in gun duel during the operation, were fatally

Dissolve my marriage, my starves me of wife tells court

By **Romanus Oko**

A housewife, Mrs Lyr yesterday appealed to customary court in La to dissolve the marriage between her and her husband, Uz, because he beats and abuses her of sex.

She said: "My lord, I have more love in our marriage than a divorce. He constantly abuses me and he is always threatening to move out from my home after eight years. He comes