

# Plateau Rep, Maitala, son, 2 others die in car crash

From **Gyang Bere**, Jos

**MEMBER** representing Jos North/ Bassa federal constituency of Plateau State in the House of Representatives, Hon. Haruna Maitala is dead. Maitala died on Friday night in a ghastly motor accident while returning from Abuja to Jos.

A statement by his media consultant, Joseph A. Adudu, confirmed that Maitala, his son, Jafaru, driver and one other person died in the accident.

The statement read in part: "This is to announce the death of Hon Haruna Maitala which occurred yesterday, 2nd April, 2021 as a result of fatal car accident on his way to Jos from Abuja.

"Until his death, Haruna Maitala was the member representing Jos North/ Bassa federal constituency in the National Assembly."

The statement said late

## • Lalong, others express shock

Maitala would be buried this morning according to Islamic rites.

Plateau State secretary of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Barr Bashir Sati, confirmed the incident and said Hon. Maitala died in the accident.

"Hon. Haruna Maitala had accident on Friday night

and we lost him. His death is very unfortunate," he said.

Meanwhile, Plateau State governor, Simon Lalong Lalong in a statement described the death of the lawmaker as tragic and a big loss to his immediate family, Jos North/Bassa constituency and the entire State.

## Ijaw youths decry killing of 4 persons in Bay

From **Femi Folaranmi**, Yenagoo

**THE** Ijaw Youths Council (IYC) worldwide has condemned in the bloody conflict that has claimed four lives in Bilabiri in Ekeremor Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

Investigations revealed that the crisis was triggered over disagreements that ensued from a security contract award in the area.

The National President of

the IYC, Peter Timothy Igbifa, in a statement appealed to the warring parties to sheathe their swords, saying that it was irresponsible for brothers to pick arms against one another.

According to him, instead of bloodshed the warring parties should sit down as brothers to discuss the issues and resolve grey areas of their differences.

Igbifa who insisted that dialogue remained the best tool in dispute resolution called on the police and other security agencies to immedi-