

5 drown in Taraba boat mishap

From **Sylvanus Viashima**, Jalingo

SPOKESPERSON of the Taraba State Police Command, DSP. Abdulahi Usman, has confirmed that, at least, five people may have drowned along the River Benue, in Taraba State, following a boat mishap over the weekend.

Usman, who made the disclosure to newsmen, in Jalingo, yesterday, said that the boat was carrying 14 passengers from Mayo-Reniwo village in Ardo-Kola Local Government Area to a village in Karim-Lamido Local Government when it capsized midway into the journey.

He said while nine of the passengers were successfully rescued, five others were missing and might have been drowned.

Usman said a search operation was on for the five victims.

Daily Sun gathered that one of the five persons missing in the accident is Rev. Shedrack Bako, a pastor with the Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria (CRC-N).

When contacted, Taraba State Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Rev. Isaiah Magaji said he was aware of a boat mishap,

2 cops, civilian crushed to death in Edo

From **Ighomuaye Lucky**, Benin

TWO police officers and a civilian were reportedly crushed to death by a truck on Benin - Ekpoma highway, last Friday.

A civilian driver and two Cops out of the nine policemen were said to have lost their lives in the ill-fated bus that conveyed the victims.

It was further gathered that police operatives and men of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) arrived at the scene, condoned off the spot and took the injured officers away for medical attention, while the deceased were deposited in an undisclosed morgue.

Image maker of the Edo State Police Command, SP

but could not ascertain the calibre of persons involved in the accident.

"I am yet to get a clear picture of the incident because the reports that are available

Kotongs Bello, who confirmed the incident, said that the truck, whose registration number was yet to be ascertained, fell on the victims.

"Yes, that is true; a truck that was conveying petroleum products fell on them. Nine policemen and a civil-

ian driver were involved in the accident. The policemen had stopped to greet somebody when a trailer that was passing fell on them," he said.

Investigation revealed that the deceased family members had been contacted by the police authorities.

Pirates abduct 5 i

From **Tony John**, Port Harcourt

GUNMEN suspected to be pirates, operating along the Bonny high sea, have abducted five people in Rivers State.

Daily Sun gathered that the incident occurred very close to the Federal Ocean Terminal, Onne, yesterday.

A source in Bonny, who con-

firmed the incident to reporters, disclosed that the victims were kidnapped after Onne River, in a 10-passenger speedboat.

The source further disclosed that the victims were two females and three males, adding that the incident had been reported to the Marine Police, in Port Harcourt, by the boat driver, while efforts