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# 11 perish in Delta multiple crashes

**AT** least, 11 persons have been confirmed dead as a result of two auto crashes that occurred at different locations in Delta State.

While four persons were roasted alive at the Emuhu axis of the Benin-Asaba highway,

seven wedding guests reportedly died in another crash in Orogun, Ughelli North Local Government Area of the state.

In the Emuhu crash, which occurred yesterday, a tanker laden with diesel burst into flames after colliding with an

18-seater bus.

Eyewitnesses said the ill-fated bus was reduced to rubbles, adding that officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) were on hand for a rescue mission.

The accident caused traffic gridlock on the busy road,

but security agents, including policemen, were on hand to divert vehicular traffic to alternative routes.

Public Relations Officer of the state police command, DSP Bright Edafe, who confirmed the accident, said four persons

died, while scores who were injured were rushed to the hospital.

In the Orogun accident, the casualties, all women and hailed from the creek town of Bomadi, were said to be returning from a marriage ceremony at Agbor when the lone crash occurred.

Sources said the Toyota Sienna conveying about nine women somersaulted before screeching into a river at about 5pm on the fateful day.

The driver of the vehicle and two ladies were said to have survived the crash, and were rushed to the hospital.

Community sources said the remains of the victims would be given mass burial in Agorodei Peile quarters, today.

## Military kills 6 kidnappers, recovers weapons in Plateau

From **Gyang Bere,** Jos

**TROOPS** of the Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) have neutralised six suspected kidnappers who specialised in terrorising innocent persons in Mangu Local Government Area (LGA) of Plateau State.

Military Information Officer, Major Ishaku Takwa in a press statement, yesterday, said the troops also recovered weapons belonging to the Nigerian Police Intelligence Response Team (IRT) from the bandits.

He said: "On Monday, August 23, 2021, troops of Operation SAFE HAVEN (OPSH) successfully neutralised a syndicate of six criminals that specialised in kidnapping innocent people in Mangu local government area of Plateau State.

"The troops in a joint operation with the Divisional Police Headquarters at Mangu responded swiftly to a distress call from the IRT that bandits had attacked the team and taken away their weapons.

"The criminals were immediately trailed and neu-

tralised after a gun duel with the troops."

Takwa noted that the remains of members of the intelligence response team who lost their lives and that of the six bandits were recovered.

"The troops also recovered three AK 47 rifles belonging to the IRT team earlier taken away by the criminals."

Reacting to the development, Commander, Operation SAFE HAVEN, Major General Ibrahim Ali, charged the troops to continue the collaborative efforts and sustain the tempo until criminal elements were wiped out of Pla-

teau state.

He further directed the troops to dominate all suspected criminal hideouts and deny them freedom of action.

Gen. Ali called on citizens to continue to collaborate with troops of Operation SAFE HAVEN and always provide the operation with credible security information.

## 6 abducted Niger students die in captivity

**SIX** abducted students of Salihu Tanko Islamiyya,

Tegina, Niger State, have been reported dead while in captivity.

The students were

Detained lababo's associates still in detention after bail