

# Auto crash claims 14 in Bayelsa

From **Femi Folaranmi**, Yenagoa

**FOURTEEN** people have been confirmed dead in a motor accident that occurred at the Bayelsa State section of the East/West Road, on Monday.

Investigations revealed that the accident happened at Sampou Junction, Kolo-kuma/ Opokuma Local Government Area of the state.

Eyewitness account said 14 people were burnt beyond recognition, while five people, including a driver of one of the vehicles, sustained various degrees of injuries and were taken to the Kaiama General Hospital.

It was learnt that two vehicles, a white Toyota Hiace bus with registration number LND 247 XX and a black Lexus SUV with registration number KWL 726 GN, were involved in the

accident.

The bus was said to be coming from Lagos heading to Port Harcourt, while the Lexus SUV was heading

towards Warri when the accident occurred.

Officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), who were on hand to help

the victims, blamed the accident on over speeding and wrong overtaking.

The FRSC, in its report, said 14 people were killed on

the spot, while five people, including three male and two female, survived and were receiving treatment at the Kaiama General Hospital.

## 475 jailed for drug offences in 3 months -NDLEA

From **Godwin Tsa**, Abuja

**THE** National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) said no fewer than 475 people were convicted and sentenced to various jail terms between September and November 2021 following charges filed against them at Federal High Courts across the country.

The figure represents a portion of the over 1,000 traffickers who were jailed between January and November for drug offences.

A statement by the Director, Media and Advocacy, Femi Babafemi, said in September, a total of 73 people were convicted, with Jigawa state recording the highest

figure of 15 convicts, followed by Adamawa -14 and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) -11.

Jigawa state also topped the chart of the 150 convictions recorded by the agency in October with 14 convicts, followed by Niger-13; Katsina-12; Taraba-11 and Lagos-

21 and Plateau- 14.

Interesting highlights of some of the cases include that of 32-year-old Chukwuemeka Kalu Orji who was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment with hard labour on October 13 by Justice E.N. Anyadike of the Federal High Court, Umuahia, Abia state. The

sentence makes it the third time Kalu Orji will be convicted and jailed for drug offences. He was first sentenced to eight months in prison on December 15, 2017, by Justice Anyadike, and jailed for three years on December 13, 2020, by Justice D.E. Osiagor.

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## NSCDC arrests 2 illegal miners in Osun

From **Lateef Dada**, Osogbo

**THE** Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has arrested two illegal miners in Iperindo, Atakumosa East Local Government of Osun State.

The suspects are Ogunmokun Joshua (24) and Amos

Danjos (26). In a statement signed by the Public Relations Officer, Osun Command of NSCDC, Adigun Daniel, yesterday, the state Commandant, Emmanuel Ocheja, stated that the suspects were arrested on December 12, 2021, at a mining site.

The commandant stated

that the suspects were arrested for conspiracy, illegal encroachment and illegal mining in the state.

He stated that the suspected miners had been causing havoc in the state, adding that the corps will ensure that they are flushed off the mining sites.

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