

Phyna loses sister, Ruth, after truck accident

...Dangote Group commiserates with Phyna, family

Ruth Otabor, sister to Big Brother Naija Season 7 winner Phyna, has passed away after a tragic accident involving a Dangote truck near Auchi Polytechnic in Edo State.

The family announced her death yesterday through a statement by Eko Solicitors & Advocates, stating that Ruth passed yesterday at about 6:30 a.m.

The statement read: "With a heavy heart, the family regrets to announce the passing on to glory of their daughter, sister, and mother on this 31st Day of August, 2025 at about 06:30Hrs."

The incident occurred on August 13, 2025, just six days after Ruth graduated from the polytechnic, and resulted in the amputation of her leg.

Meanwhile, the Dangote Group has expressed sorrow over the death of Ruth.

The announcement was made in a statement released on its X account and signed by the company's management yesterday.

The company said before her death, arrangements had been made to fly Ruth to India for advanced medical treatment, pending clearance from her doctors.

In its statement, the Dangote Group extended heartfelt condolences to Ruth's family, friends, and loved ones.

The statement read, "We are deeply saddened by the passing of Ruth Otabor, who was injured

in the recent road incident involving one of our trucks in Auchi, Edo State.

"On behalf of the entire Dangote Group, we extend our heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and loved ones at this difficult time.

"Since the accident, our officials and insurance partners have been by her side, covering all financial and medical costs and supporting her family."

The statement added: "Arrange-

ments had been made for her to be flown to India for advanced treatment, pending medical clearance from her doctors.

"Sadly, despite these efforts and Ruth's brave fight to live, we lost her today," the statement read.

It added, "At Dangote Group, safety, accountability, and compassion remain at the core of our operations. "We remain committed to strengthening our safety systems and supporting those affected in moments of tragedy. May God grant her mercy and eternal rest."

Police arrest notorious human trafficker, rescue victims in Akwa-Ibom

The Police Command in Akwa Ibom says it has detained a suspected notorious human trafficker in Uyo, the state capital.

The identity of the said trafficker was, however, not disclosed.

The command's Public Relations Officer, Timfon John, who disclosed this in a statement in Uyo yesterday, said the operatives of the command arrested an alleged notorious human trafficker, a 47-year-old male from Edo State on August 26, at approximately 9:30 in the morning.

She said the arrest was made following reliable intelligence that the suspect frequently came to Uyo to traffic young women to various African countries for prostitution and other illicit activities.

"Acting on credible informa-

tion, a surveillance team located and apprehended the suspect at a hotel at Ring Road 3, Uyo.

"During the arrest, police rescued two victims," John said.

According to John, preliminary investigations indicate that the suspect, who was deported from another African country, had previously trafficked two young women to Libya in July and to Burkina Faso on August 18.

According to her, the suspect has confessed to the crime, admitting he was paid N50,000 per victim.

"The parents of the trafficked victims have been contacted to provide statements," John said.

John said the suspect was currently in police custody as the investigation was in high gear to track and apprehend his accomplices.