

24 Convocation Returnees Killed in Road Accident

Auto accident at the weekend claimed lives of 24 persons along Akungba- Oka Road in Akoko South West Area of Ondo State, when a truck with registration number, Kano RG 438 NCR had a break failure, lost control before crushing a commuter bus conveying passengers including two six-months old babies.

Most of the victims, according to an eyewitness were mainly members of one Pa Ogunrinde family who were returning from the maiden convocation ceremony of the Adekunle Ajasin University in Akungba-Akoko where young Ogunrinde was one of the graduands.

Twenty-two persons among the victims were believed to be members of one Pa Ogunrinde family. Ogunrinde, his two wives, others sons, daughters with relatives were the only passengers in the bus.

The accident, eyewitness said happened at a dangerous bend between Iwaro Oka and Oke Maria, some few kilometers from Akungba when the bus was marked Lagos NW 405 EKY believed to have been hired by Pa Ogunrinde to celebrate the con-

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vocation of his son, was crushed by the truck.

However, the young Ogunrinde stayed back at the school to celebrate with his friends while the family and the invited relatives embark on the ill-fated journey back home.

THISDAY checks at the AAU revealed that the young Ogunrinde who was in celebra-

tion mood collapsed and fainted when the news of the accident filtered into the campus.

The young Ogunrinde was taken to a hospital where he is still receiving treatment for shock.

Confirming the accident, he Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Ondo State, Mr. Hassan Ahmed said the accident, which happened at Oka, claimed 22 lives.

MASSOB, MEND Order Sit-at-Home

The Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) and the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) have concluded plans to impose a sit-at-home order within their territories as part of respect and rites of passage for the over 200 members of MASSOB allegedly killed by security operatives.

The funeral activity is being organised in respect of MASSOB members allegedly killed between 2003 to 2006 following the attack by soldiers on Imo State and the shoot-at-sight

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order issued in Onitsha last year.

According to the Deputy Director of Information for MASSOB, Comrade David Mac-David, 'the sit at home action would involve the regions that make up the defunct Biafran Republic, the South-south states and towns where people of Niger Delta and Biafran Republic reside.

Mac-David further said that the burial ceremony is aimed at ensuring that those who lost their lives for the struggles did