

Chlorine Leakage Kills 3 in C'River

Chlorine leakage from facilities of the Cross River State Water Board (CRSWB), at New Netim in Odukpani Local Government Area of the State has killed at least three persons while many others are lying critically ill in various hospitals IN Calabar.

Among the dead is an aged woman, while a serving member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) is also among those hospitalised as a result of the escape of concentrated chlorine fumes from cylinders used by the Water Board.

Also affected are both domestic and wild animals many of which died in the incident. Also, trees and plant foliage in the community have withered from the lethal effect of the concentrated Chlorine fumes.

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The accident, which occurred in the night of Wednesday, July 5, has been described as a normal Industrial accident by the authorities of the CRSWB. The authorities also said only an elderly woman died as a result of the escape of the concentrated Chlorine fumes.

The incident is the second in two months from facilities of the Water Board. On May 11, this year residents of Okon Inok, Ediba, and the State Housing Estate in Calabar experienced a similar situation when the same substance was released into the atmosphere from the water treatment plant of the CRSWB located at Ediba Qua Community in Calabar metropolis.