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About 15 students of the Niger Delta University (NDU), in Wilberforce Island, Bayelsa State, were feared killed along the Tombia highway, the only road leading to the university.

The accident, THISDAY gathered, happened when two buses coming from opposite directions had a head on collision on Tuesday evening. Coincidentally, both buses belonged to the state-transport company.

And in another tragedy, a woman and four of her six children were suffocated to death by generator fumes on Tuesday night. The other two are now on danger list at the Federal Medical Centre in Yenagoa.

The tragedy cast a shadow of glum on the Democracy Day celebration in the state, as Governor Seriake Dickson and his aides were absent from the parade, which was held at the Peace Park, Yenagoa.

THISDAY gathered from an eyewitness account that the bus coming from the Yenagoa axis of the road had no headlight, while the one coming from Amassoma axis was about to overtake a truck when they both had the head on collision.

Almost all the passengers on both vehicles were students of the university. The accident occurred at about 8.p.m., while the fate of the other passengers and the drivers of both vehicles was still unknown at press time.

Their corpses have been deposited at the NDU Teaching Hospital at Okolobiri, while the injured victims were receiving treatment at various hospitals in Yenagoa.

Meanwhile, a 40-year-old mother, Madam Chinyere Celestine, and her four children died of suffocation at their home in Yenagoa.

Celestine was said to have gone to bed with her children with the generator placed at the passage of their room and parlour apartment when the tragedy occurred.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Alex Akhigbe and the Public Relations Officer (PRO) to the Niger Delta University, Mr. Joe Alagoa, denied knowledge of any casualty in the collision accident. But students of the university insisted several students died.

The police, however, confirmed the death of the woman and her four children.

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