

Cleric, daughter, three others die in auto crash

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ABOKUTA — FIVE persons, including a pastor and his daughter, were at the weekend killed in a road accident at Sium in the Obafemi/Owode local gov-

ernment area of Ogun State. The accident, involving a Mitsubishi car with Registration number Lagos AW 908 JJJ and a Datsun 120Y with registration number Ogun AL 791 AAB, occurred around 5.30 pm on Friday on the Sium-Ogere road.

Eyewitnesses said the Mitsubishi car, which was coming from Owode-Egba had a head-on collision with the Datsun 120Y in which the Pastor, a member of the Deeper Life Bible Church and his daughter were travelling. The Pastor, his daughter

and three other persons in the car died on the spot.

One of the residents, who identified himself as Mufutan indicated the police, saying some policemen were the ones chasing the Mitsubishi Car and that the driver lost control owing to the speed.

He said, "we were at the Sium Junction, we saw some policemen pursuing the Mitsubishi car, but they later turned back. It was some minutes after they passed that we learnt about the accident."

Reacting to the allegation, the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Olufemi Awoyale, absolved the police of any blame.

He said, "there was no police vehicle in the area when the accident occurred. It was after it had occurred that the police were alerted and went to the scene. The policemen took the injured people to the hospital", he said.

Awoyale, who attributed the accident to over-speeding by the driver of the Mitsubishi car, warned motorists against reckless driving.

Considers shoot-on-sight on polluters

ple are desecrating the state." He warned that the state government would not hesitate to arrest and prosecute anyone found dumping refuse into the Lagoon.

In another development, subsequent upon the expiration of the one-week ultimatum earlier given to GlobalCom Telecommunications to repair the Ozumba Mbadawe Road which was damaged recently by the agents of the company while laying its cable, the state government, through the Commissioner for Environment, Mr. Tunji Bello, has extended the ultimatum by another week to repair the road or risk severe sanction.

On the refuse dumping, Pedro said the Lagoon and other waterways are parts of the state's many windows through which investors are attracted.

According to him, "Lagos State is gradually turning the coast of international community, you should consider the Lekki Free Trade Zone (LFTZ) project that has attracted the involvement of Chinese Government."

His words: "what I saw at Badore was a disappointment, this act of refuse dumping into the Lagoon is unhealthy and uncivil, we shall put law enforcement agencies at alert to monitor and arrest them, we will give them shoot at sight order,

if you don't desist from this unpatriotic act."

He warned the cart pushers to desist from packing refuse from people and dumping it into the Lagoon, just as he indicted men of the Falomo Police station of playing a principal role in flouting environmental regulations of the state.

The Deputy Governor who noted that dumping of refuse in waterways inhibit fishing along riverine areas, also threatened to sanction any Local Government chairman who fails to monitor the council areas against illegal dumping of refuse as well as where youths play football during sanitation exercise.

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