

Tragedy: 6 mourners perish in accident on Benin-Asaba highway

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NO fewer than six persons travelling from Lagos for the funeral ceremony of a traditional ruler in Imo State lost their lives last Thursday night in a motor accident at Asaba while several others were seriously wounded.

Sunday Vanguard gathered that the mourners were travelling in a 14-seater Hiace bus marked ABUJA XN 300 ABC with inscription Owerri Municipal Council Mass Transit Scheme when the accident occurred.

An eyewitness told our reporter that the bus was crushed by a trailer in an attempt to overtake it.

The corpses and wounded

persons were taken to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Asaba.

One of the survivors, Mrs. Margaret Ogburno, told our reporter at FMC where she was receiving treatment that she runs

a catering outfit and was contracted to cook at the burial ceremony and boarded the bus in company of some members of her catering team along with members of the deceased traditional ruler.

• • Police gun down 2 robbery suspects

MEANWHILE, two armed robbery suspects were killed Friday night during a fierce gun duel with the police in Delta State.

The state police command's spokes person, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, who confirmed this in Asaba, yesterday, told reporters

petrol station for a search and during the search, two passengers occupying the front seats brought out two locally-made pistols that were earlier concealed in a packet of cabin biscuit and aimed at the policemen but the eagle-eye policemen dodged the firing and opened fire on them.