

# Family of 5 escape death on Asaba-Benin highway

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**A**SABA —A family of five narrowly escaped death yesterday morning when the BMW car they were travelling with from Lagos towards the east somersaulted near Okpanam on Benin-Asaba highway, while an operator of a commercial motor-cycle, popular called okada was

however not lucky in a different accident as a trailer crushed him to death instantly.

*Vanguard* gathered that the car which was driven by unidentified man conveying members of his family somersaulted, and jumped over the pavement crossing to the other side of the dual carriage road thereby endangering the

lives of other motorists moving towards Benin.

Sector of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in the state, Mr. Sunday Maku said that "we thank God that no life was lost. In short it was God's grace, otherwise it could have been another story all together by now because when the BMW car somersaulted and jumped over the other side of the road and faced where it was coming from. I was there personally however, we have been able to clear the obstruction at the scene. The okadaman was crushed to death in Asaba along Nnebisi road on Friday morning. After hitting the okadaman from the rear, he sped off but was caught near the Niger Bridge Head and he is presently detained by the police. Meanwhile, the heavy traffic near the Niger Bridge has lessened following the combined intervention of the police and the FRSC men.

## assures on hitch free yuletide

The governor in a Christmas message to Bayelsans observed that God has been so good to the state in the out going year economically, socially, politically and spiritually and deserves thanks giving from all and sundry as well as calling on Bayelsans to maintain an attitude of gratitude to God for his blessings upon the state by sharing with their neighbors and families..

Dr. Jonathan in a statement signed by his chief press secretary, Mr. Ekiyor Welson called for a responsible yuletide celebration devoid of violence, crime and other social vices.

He assured that the state government has mapped out measures to ensure a peaceful atmosphere for the season by putting securities agencies on alert to forestall all eventualities.