

15 die in auto crash

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PORT HARCOURT—IT was a black weekend for some families as about fifteen passengers traveling in a Hi-ace bus from Bayelsa to Riv-

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retary, Mr. Christopher Buru and Woman Leader, Mrs. Rita Awala Ovosun, respectively noted that peace is needed for Uduaghan to execute his programmes in the state, enjoining Deltans to close ranks and give maximum support to the PDP candidate because he is the best among all the candidates fielded by other parties.

It said "all Deltans are one and they should realise this fact and forget about the attendant opposition initially faced by Uduaghan," advising the "elders and leaders particularly should come to the aid of the guber candidate by mobilising political forces for him towards April 2007," and condemned calls in some quarters to change the PDP candidate

ers state were burnt beyond recognition when their vehicle rammed into another one around Mbiama section of the East West road. Sources told the *Vanguard* that the driver of the bus was making effort to overtake a tanker when suddenly he lost control and ran into the oncoming vehicle.

Eyewitnesses said the bus immediately caught fire. It could not be confirmed if any passenger survived the accident. Wailing had hardly died down in Port Harcourt when report filtered in again of about thirty houses that were razed down in D line. The cause could not be immediately ascertained but *Vanguard* gathered that the inferno, which occurred in the early hours of yesterday, consumed an eight-month-old baby. The parents of the child reportedly escaped death but they sustained several degrees of burnt.

About thirty houses located on the thickly populated Egelege Street were reportedly affected. When *Vanguard* visited the scene some of the victims were still seen trying to gather what was left from the debris.