

Five die as bus runs into Osunbor's convoy

By Simon Ebegbulem

BENIN—ABOUT five persons lost their lives while others sustained injuries yesterday, when a Toyota bus ran into the convoy of Edo State governor close to Abaji area in Abuja. Governor Oserhiemen Osunbor was not in the convoy at the time.

It was learnt that the driver of one of the vehicles in the Governor's convoy sustained serious injuries. The Governor had travelled by air through Lagos to Abuja and that the convoy was going to Abuja to meet him when the incident happened.

It was further learnt that a family of four in the bus lost their lives in the ghastly motor accident which reportedly happened at about 2:30pm yesterday.

Confirming the incident through a statement signed by the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Mr. Dan Aigbavboa, it stated that "a Toyota bus ran into one of the vehicles in the Governor's convoy around Abaji this af-

ternoon (yesterday). Information reaching us indicates that some of the passengers in the bus died in the accident while the driver of the Edo State Government vehicle sustained some injuries.

"Let it be known that the Governor was not on the convoy at the time of the accident. Government sympathises with the families of those who lost their lives. After the incident the Gover-

nor's convoy proceeded to Abuja and they are now in Abuja without any problem," it stated.

The Special Adviser to the Governor on Communications, Mr. Tony Ikpasaja added that "even our ambulance that was in the convoy had to assist those that were injured and the dead to the hospital. It is very sad that it happened and the Governor is still shocked over the incident. We sympathise with the families, it's quite a pity".

Selfish politicians, bane of Bayelsa's devt — *FENTE*

By Samuel Oyadongha

YENAGOA—SPECIAL Adviser to the Bayelsa State Governor on Political Matters, Dr. George Fente has blamed the underdevelopment of the state on politicians who are constantly thinking of how to enrich

themselves instead of developing their respective areas.

Dr. Fente who stated this at Kaiama, headquarters of Kolokuma-Opokuma local government area as part of his tour of council areas in the state lamented that the past eight years of democratic rule in the state was characterised by misplaced priorities which