

Protest: Motorcycle crushes teacher to death in Bayelsa

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YENAGOA—A primary school teacher was crushed to death by a motorcycle while another was seriously injured during Tuesday's protest by primary and junior secondary schools teachers in Bayelsa State.

The deceased teacher, an indigene of Sagbama local government area whose identity is yet to be ascertained was knocked down by a fast moving okada in the wake of the confusion that followed the protest when anti riot policemen fired tear gas to disperse the protesters.

It was learnt that a group of the teachers had gathered at the premises of a new generation bank in Yenagoa and disrupted business in protest over the slow pace of payment of their salaries.

Worried by the protest, the management of the bank alerted the police, who attempted to disperse the crowd of teachers from the bank premises at Kpansia by firing tear gas canisters which led to stampede.

The deceased teacher was knocked down by a commercial motorcyclist and was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Yenagoa where he died, in spite of efforts to save his life.

The chairman of the state chapter of the Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT), Chief

Christopher Erewari who confirmed the death of the teacher said arrangement were on to convey his remains to his family.

Contacted the state police public relations officer, Mr. Iniobong Ibokette (DSP) said he was not aware of the tragic incident.

Meanwhile, the Civil Liberties Organization (CLO) has threatened a showdown with the state government over the alleged ill treatment of teachers in the state, which led to the death of one of the teachers during Tuesday's protest.

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YENAGOA—BAYELSA State House of Assembly has condemned Tuesday's kidnap of 82 year-old father of one of its member, Mr. Ebioudu Komonibo, representing Kolokuma-Opokuma Constituency I, whose whereabouts is still shrouded in mystery.

The elderly blind man, Pa Jeffy Komonibo, was seized by unknown gunmen at his Odi residence in the Kolokuma-Opokuma local government area of the state where he was relaxing with