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FIVE persons, including the chief press secretary, CPS, to Governor Adams Oshiomhole of Edo State, Mr. Chris Nwachukwu, and the personal assistant, PA, Mr Greg Haruna, lost their lives yesterday in a motor accident along Auchi Road.

It was learnt that the accident occurred at Agbede in Etsako West Local Government Area of the state when the Kia Cerato official car of the CPS had a head-on collision with a mini bus belonging to the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives, Delta State Chapter, while on their way to Auchi for a friend's wedding ceremony.

The CPS and PA died instantly. The driver of the mini bus and two others in the bus also died on the spot. Sunday Vanguard learnt that Oshiomhole was in Benin City at the time of the incident.

Reacting through a statement signed by his special adviser on public affairs and strategy, Mr Eric Osagie, the governor described the incident as a huge loss to the government and people of Edo State.

The statement said: "Edo State government regrets to announce the death of Mr. Chris Nwachukwu, the chief press secretary to the governor and Mr. Greg Haruna, personal assistant to the governor, who were both involved in a fatal car crash along Ewu slope towards Agbede en route Auchi on a private visit to attend a friend's wedding ceremony.

"The Kia Cerato official car of the late CPS reportedly had a head-on collision with a mini bus returning from Auchi. The duo died on the spot while their bodies have been deposited at the morgue". The zonal commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr Zakari Ndah, confirmed the incident also, explaining that "three persons died in the bus while two died in the Kia Cerato. The bus belongs to the Delta State Nurses and Midwives Association".

The Esama of Benin Kingdom, Chief Gabriel Igbinedion, and the former chief whip of the Senate, Senator Rowland Owie, described the incident as a great loss to the government and people of the state.

According to Owie, who also is the leader of the ruling Action Congress, AC, in the state, "it is a black day for us in Edo State. But what can we do? We cannot question God. It is very sad for us to lose those promising, hardworking young men at this critical time in our state. May their souls rest in peace".

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WE THE OGEDEMGBES LOVE YOU.

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Adieu

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Greg u were a political friend and academic friend.May your soul rest in perfect peace

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May the souls of those young men rest in peace. It is really sad that Edo state has to experience this at this trying times!



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