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FIVE persons, including three lecturers of the Niger-Delta University (NDU) in Bayelsa State died, yesterday morning, when two vehicles collided on Ohoror-Patani Road in Delta State. One of the vehicles was conveying the vice president of Ijaw National Congress, INC, Dr. Chris Ghomorai.

Ghomorai, also a former commissioner for finance in the defunct Bendel State, was seriously injured and was rushed to the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH), Benin City in Edo State, where doctors were battling, last night, to save his life.

He was initially rushed to a hospital at Ughelli in Delta State, but when the news of the accident got to Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan, he asked his commissioner for health, Dr. J. Otumara, to step in immediately.

Bayelsa State governor, Timipre Sylva, was also said to have provided ambulance and other services to save the life of the INC leader. Ghomorai was said to be returning from the burial ceremony of the father-in-law of the deputy governor of Bayelsa State at about 7.00 a.m. when the accident occurred. Incidentally, the dead lecturers were also going for the same ceremony that he was returning from.

Ghomorai's driver, who also sustained injuries, was said to be in stable condition at press time. Three of the corpses were lying beside a green Honda Accord car with Lagos registration number, AV 442 EKY, when Sunday Vanguard visited the accident scene.

A Mercedes Benz, E Class model, one of the vehicles that was involved in the accident was badly damaged. A source said Ghomorai was probably heading for the Central Working Committee (CWC) meeting of the INC at Ogbia when the accident occurred.

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