

20 killed in auto crash

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ASABA—NO fewer than 20 persons, including National Youth Service Corps members and others travelling for the Christmas holiday, were roasted to death, yesterday, following a ghastly motor accident on the Benin—Asaba highway.

The accident occurred by Mariam Banbangida Road Asaba at about 2pm.

Eyewitness said a trailer belonging to Julius Berger with registration number Abuja XL 987 ABC moving towards Benin lost control following a burst tyre, tumbled over the other side of the road after jumping the pavement. Unfortunately, an 18-seater Toyota bus travelling from Lagos to the East with registration number Enugu XA 594 ENZ rammed into it immediately as it was on a break neck speed.

The two vehicles went up in flames.

Virtually all the occu-

pants of the bus, which was also over loaded perished except two kids, who were immediately rushed to the hospital.

It was a gory sight as

sympathizers wailed while personal effects littered the ground including NYSC uniforms.

As at press time, the burnt vehicles were still in

flames, while men of the Fire Service arrived the scene. Also men of the Federal Road Safety commission, FRSC, were on hand to direct traffic.

Delta re-run: ACN, RPN in alliance to uproot PDP

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WARRI—IN pursuit of their bid to stop former Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan from re-gaining the coveted seat in the re-run gubernatorial election ordered by the Appeal Court, the Action Congress of Nigeria, ACN, and the Republican Party of Nigeria, RPN, yesterday, in Warri, Delta State, formally formed a formidable alliance to unseat the ruling Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, in the state.

Similarly, the Delta South district Acting Chairman of RPN, and one-time Senatorial aspir-

said the alliance was intended to ensure that the gubernatorial candidate of the RPN, Obarisi Ovie Omo-Agege comes out victorious in the re-run election as ordered by the Appeal Court.

The Memorandum of Understanding between both parties was signed on the occasion by both party state chairmen and was read to the full house by the Director of Youths Affairs, Ovie Omo-Agege Campaign Organisation, Mr. Misan Ukubeyinje amidst

laud applause from supporters.

In his brief remarks, Chief Okotie-Eboh of the ACN said that the main reason for the August gathering was to strategise and mobilize for the success of Omo-Agege of the RPN, since the ACN was not fielding any candidate for the re-run election and charged members to ensure that they mobilize fully for today's formal declaration by the RPN gubernatorial candidate.

Ogboru's claim against Uduaghan deceitful