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Two killed in Bayelsa auto crash

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YENAGOA — TWO persons were Sunday killed in an accident involving a car and a commercial motorcycle on Tungbo/Bolu-Orua Road in Sagbama Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

The incident, it was learnt, occurred at about 7pm when the car conveying two women said to have gone to sell drinks at a beach party at Bolu-Orua were returning to Sagbama.

Vanguard learnt that the commercial motorcy-

clist simply identified as Fideinkegha, was conveying a man from Sagbama Junction on the East-West Road to Bolu-Orua when the accident occurred.

The motorcycle was said to have been involved in a head-on-col-

lision with the car on the Tungbo-Bolu-Orua Road.

The motorcyclist and his passenger reportedly died on the spot while the driver of the vehicle, was said to have reported himself to the Sagbama Divisional Police

Headquarters, where he was detained.

It was also learnt that the remains of the deceased, who are both indigenes of Bolu-Orua had been deposited at the Patani General Hospital mortuary in neighbouring Delta State.



I preached to kidnappers, says 102-yr-old victim

BY EMMA AMAIZE

MOSOGAR—KIDNAPPED Mrs. Okpa Omene, the 102-year-old mother of the traditional ruler of Mosogar Kingdom, Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta State, HRM Samson Omene, Udurhie I, who was released, Sunday, said she preached to the kidnappers during her five days in captivity to accept God and stop their evil acts.

Mrs. Omene said her experience in the kidnappers' den was disgusting, given her old age.

She said that her captors did not treat her badly, though she was not allowed to take her bath. Vanguard gathered that

she was not allowed to take her bath while in captivity, and at about 11am on Sunday, before she was released later at 4pm, she begged her son, former chairman of Ethiope-West Local Government Area of the state, Chief Wilson Omene, on phone, to urge her captors to allow her to take her bath.

The Udurhie I, President General of Mosogar Development Union, Chief Joseph Omene and Dr. Wilson Omene, who are all children of the victim, in their reactions, thanked God for sparing their mother's life. They commended the kidnappers for releasing their mother unconditionally.

Security men rescue