

# News

## EBOLA SCARE: Abandoned corpse, victim of hit and run driver —FMC

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**YENAGOA —** **AUTHORITIES** of the two Ebola isolation centres in Bayelsa State, the Federal Medical Centre, FMC and Niger Delta University Teaching Hospital, yesterday, dismissed as “dangerous rumour,” claims that four deaths had been recorded in the state from the dreaded Ebola virus, noting that an abandoned corpse in the state capital was a hit and run victim.

The death of the middle-aged woman at the FMC was blamed by some on negligence on the part of the medical personnel at the casualty ward of the hospital, who allegedly refused to administer treatment on her following a hit and run incident.

Our correspondent, who visited the FMC, Yenagoa learnt that the hit and run victim might have been saved, had the medical personnel given her the deserved attention.

A staff of the hospital, who pleaded anonymity, alleged that the refusal of the doctors on duty to treat the victim over fear of Ebola led to the death of the victim yesterday at 11 a.m.

“The victim was brought into the

casualty ward by two good Samaritans. She was reported to have been hit by a hit and run driver on the Sanni Abacha way in Yenagoa. Instead of treating the bruises and cuts on her body, the doctors refused, claiming it may be Ebola.

“The woman was brought into

the casualty ward at 2p.m., on Monday. She was abandoned and died at 11 a.m., on Tuesday.

“Even when the mortuary attendants were asked to take the body to the morgue, they refused. They, however, took the body after the intervention of a senior staff. It is a shame,” the source added.

But the Public Relations Officer of the FMC, Mr Bernard Akpedi, confirmed that the death of the middle-aged woman had nothing to do with Ebola virus disease.

He said: “The deceased was an accident victim brought to the hospital by good Samaritans. The patient was being managed by the hospital before her death.”



**CASH GIFT:** From left: Traffic volunteer, Akindele Taiwo, Commissioner for Water Resources, Kwara State, Alhaji Abubakar Idris, Commissioner for Works and Transport, Dr Abubakar Kannike, Kwara State Governor, Dr Abdulfatah Ahmed and Secretary to the State Government, Alhaji Isiaka Gold, making cash donation to Akindele for his selfless traffic control in the state.

## Uduaghan, PDP lauded on party primaries

**A SABA—FORMER** board member of Delta Broadcasting Service, DBS, Asaba, Mr. Emudia Akponyoma, has hailed Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan and Chief Peter Nwaboshi, the state Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, Chairman for the successful and peaceful conduct of the party's local government primaries in the state.

He noted that the party was now more united for better delivery of democracy dividend to the people.

Akponyoma also commended the aspirants' maturity. He called on the PDP members to display the same spirit of oneness in the October 25 council elections to ensure victory for the party.

He said: “Governor Uduaghan and PDP have done great things to deserve the support of Urhobo. Deltans, particularly the Urhobo, should vote for PDP so that we can continue to benefit from the party.”