

Two others reportedly died on their way to hos-

treatment at the Federal Medical Centre(FMC),

those still alive were res-

cued. es and other instruments to cut open the bus before the victims were removed.

The spokesman for Ondo State Police Command, Wole Ogodo, confirmed the crash.

Ogodo said that the accident occurred on Friday adding, that the three survivors were responding to treatment

The police spokesman said that the driver of the truck escaped from the scene immediately the crash occurred.

BENUE ATTACK: 2 teenage girls slaughtered, another escapes

By Peter Duru, Makurdi

TWO teenage girls have been reportedly slaughtered and the third inflicted life threatening injuries by a group of armed men suspected to be Fulani herdsmen, at Zongo village, in Guma local government area of Benue State.

The latest killing, which is generating tension in Makurdi, the state capital, came few months after the resolution of the bloody conflict between Benue farmers and Fulani herders which claimed hundreds of lives and property across five local government areas of Benue.

Sunday Vanguard gathered that the three girls, yesterday, left their homes in the North Bank area of Makurdi in search of firewood in the bush when the group of armed men allegedly attacked them.

They were said to have struck the girls, killing two on the spot while the third later escaped after the attackers mistook her for dead.

"The third girl, Jergba, who luckily escaped with her life, ran back to the village in a pool of blood and was instantly rushed to a public hospital in Makurdi where she is currently receiving treatment after which the Police was alerted", a source said.

When contacted, the Benue State Police spokesman, Superintendent, SP, Daniel Ezeala, confirmed the attack stressing that the leader of the gang, one Adul Ibrahim, had been arrested.

Ezeala said the bodies of

the slain girls had been deposited at the North Bank General Hospital, while investigations into the matter were ongoing.

He assured that all those behind the dastardly act would be arrested by the

police and made to face prosecution.

The PPRO pleaded with members of the public to desist from taking the law into their hands assuring that the police would not rest until justice was done in the matter.



•R-I: Rt Hon: Frank Enekorogha, a former Speaker, DTHA and now member, House of Reps Rt Hon (Engr) Victor Ochei, immediate past Speaker, DTHA; Olorogun(Hon) George Oyefia, General Coordinator' Team, Ochei 2015, at Rt Hon Enekorogha's residence in Warri, during a meeting, yesterday.

Pastor operates shrine behind church

•Police nabs him for allegedly killing teenager

By Emma Amaize

A man, who claimed to be a pastor in Ozoro, Delta State, but allegedly runs a shrine in his house, has been arrested by the police after he was said to have killed a boy identified as Evi Samson, brought to him for prayer.

He was nabbed by the police following a report by the father of the victim, Mr. Samson Uwhemw, of Erovie quarters, Ozoro,

who claimed to have taken Evi to the pastor after his son developed swollen head and eyes in the night and died after drinking a black concoction prepared by the pastor.

Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Celestina Kalu, who confirmed the incident, yesterday, said the pastor is also a Registrar in a magistrate court in the state.

She said, "on receipt of the report, detectives

swung into action and arrested the said pastor. The suspect claimed that what he gave the deceased was a bottle of coke.

"Items recovered on searching his house include some charms from his shrine behind the church.

"Meanwhile, the corpse of the deceased has been deposited in an hospital for autopsy while discreet investigation in the matter has commenced."