

Teacher dies, pupils injured in Enugu auto crash during excursion

AN auto crash involving teachers and pupils from Bayelsa State has claimed one life and injured several people on the Enugu-Onitsha Expressway.

The Enugu State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Sam Ngwu, confirmed the development, yesterday.

Ngwu said the accident occurred at Ugwu Onyeama, near Enugu at about 8.45p.m. on Wednesday.

He said the incident involved 40 people, including pupils whose ages ranged from seven to 15 years, who were on an excursion to the Ngwo Forestry in the Udi Local Government Area.

According to Ngwu, "the victims were on excursion to Enugu State. Their bus fell into a gully and many of them sustained multiple fractures, lacerations, cuts and swellings on their faces.

"Some of the victims were immediately taken to nearby hospitals in Ngwo, following the intervention of the state government.

"One of the teachers died, which is a miracle, considering the severity of the accident."

Ngwu said that the state government, on getting the information from the state's emergency management agency, deployed four ambulances to the scene.

His words: "Eleven persons were severely injured. 10 of them

were later transferred to the National Orthopaedic Hospital, while others were moved to the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital."

Ngwu said that the Bayelsa Commissioner for Health had been notified of the incident

and was on his way to Enugu to see the victims.

The spokesman of Enugu State Police Command, Mr. Ebere Amaraizu, was not available to comment on the incident.

He neither picked his calls nor responded to text messages.

Court bars cleric from home over allegations of wife battering

By Rotimi Ojomoyela

ADO-EKITI—A high court sitting in Ado-Ekiti, yesterday, barred a Pastor, Victor Ekejiuba, from his matrimonial home over accusation of incessant wife battering.

Ekejiuba's wife, Engr. Caroline, had approached the court, seeking for an interim order restraining her husband from accessing the matrimonial home to prevent her from further physical assault from the estranged husband.

She told the court that the constant beating from her hubby had damaged her physically and psychologically.

She also sought orders stopping the husband from

disposing off the movable and immovable properties belonging to her, including one four-bedroom flat at Zone 3, Road 4, along Ayegunle Street, off Poly Road, Ado-Ekiti, a two-bedroom flat located at the same point, three generators, among others.

The suit

In the suit filed before Justice Monisola Abodunde, she sought, among others, an interim order barring her husband from having access to her to prevent her from being killed through beating.

The claimant's application was dated December 19, 2016 and was supported by a 51-paragraph affidavit, while the

Judge's ruling

In her ruling, Justice Abodunde said: "The issue for determination here is not for the court to rule on the type of marriage between the parties, but on the rights of the applicant to be protected from harm that could endanger her life due to matrimonial disputes/domestic violence before she takes steps, if she so wishes, under the Matrimonial Causes Act.

"Under Section 2A of the law prohibiting Gender-Based Violence, violence is defined as any act that inflicts physical, mental or sexual harm or suffering or threats of such acts, coercion and other deprivation of liberty."

Justice Abodunde ordered as follows: "Engr Caroline Oluchi Ekejiuba is granted an interim protection order, protecting her