

73-yr-old woman, four others die in Bayelsa fatal auto crash

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FIVE persons have died in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital, in a ghastly motor accident along the Tombia-Amassoma Road area of the state.

The accident, which caused traffic gridlock along the road leading to the state-owned Niger Delta University, NDU, and the Bayelsa International Airport, left three female and two male victims dead.

The spokesman of the Bayelsa Police Command, Asinim Butswat, who confirmed the development yesterday, said the fatal motor accident occurred yesterday at about 4.40pm and involved a Toyota Venza with Reg. NO. KMK 617 BY and two Tricycles with Reg. No. NSK 073 QH and LND 223 QH.

He said: "Five corpses were evacuated from the scene and three of them have been identified as, Okon Daniel 'm' 47 years,

Oweinkuro Profit 'm' 52 years and Mrs. Domoye Ikpaipai 'f' 73 years. The others two corpses are a middle aged male and female."

One of the victim have been identified as a student

of the State owned Niger Delta University, Amassoma.

Butswat however said police operatives are on the trail of one Buthurst Augusta Nyoun, who drove the Toyota Venza that

allegedly caused the accident and absconded from the scene.

"The Police have launched manhunt for the accused female who drove the Venza for possible culpable homicide."

FG organises capacity building workshop for corps members in Delta

THE Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in collaboration with Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute (NSPRI) and Synergy Impact Development, is organizing a five day capacity building training programme for selected National Youth Service Corps members in Delta State.

The event which is holding in the Nigerian Stored Product Research Institute Secretariat, Sapele, was formerly declared opened by the Executive Director of NSPRI, Dr. Patricia O. Pessu.

Speaking at the event, the Executive, Director of NSPRI, Dr. Patricia O. Pessu informed

the Corps members and participants" that agriculture is the biggest job provider in the country."

She said that, "farmers were unable to derive optimal benefit for their efforts in agriculture, as a result of the Nigerian ecosystem."

"Millions of young people in Nigeria are either unemployed or under employed. The unemployment rate in Nigeria as at 2020 had risen to 33.3% representing 22.3 million people." She added.

According to Dr. Pessu, "Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute has a mandate to conduct research and develop innovative

technologies to minimize post-harvest losses of farm produce and to also maintain food safety and security in the country."

She asserted that through the training, participants would be exposed to the numerous opportunities in the Nigerian value chain, food storage modalities and creation of value for themselves and the society.

The State Coordinator of the National Youth Service Corps, Mr. Alao Olusegun O., represented by Mrs. Bazuaye Gloria said that, "the programme is packaged to provide knowledge and skills in agricultural commodities."