

7 die in Delta, Oyo road crashes

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NO few than seven persons were killed yesterday in road crashes in Delta and Oyo states respectively.

While three persons lost their lives in a motor accident close to the Isheagu junction axis of the Oq-washi-Uku/Kwale Road, four people were confirmed dead, while many were injured when an 18-seater Toyota bus somersaulted along Ibadan/Oyo expressway.

The Delta accident involved a Mercedes SUV and a bus with the inscription, St. Philip's Anglican Church, Asaba.

The State Deputy Governor, Sir Monday Onyeme, who was on his way for an assignment at Kwale, had to stop his convoy at the accident scene at about 2.45 pm.

The deceased were evacuated by officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC.

It was learned that survivors of the accident were rushed to a nearby hospital for medical attention.

Contacted, Sector Commander of FRSC in Delta

State, Mr. Udemé Bassey Eshiet, confirmed the incident

Similarly, the Oyo accident occurred when an 18-

seater Toyota bus with registration number, JJJ 941 XA (Lagos), somersaulted along Ibadan/Oyo expressway.

The accident, according to Atiba Unit Commander of FRSC, Bayode Olugbesan, was caused by over-speeding and overloading.

Bandits abduct six, shoot one in Kaduna community

By Ibrahim Hassan-Wuyo

BANDITS shot one and abducted six residents of Ungwan Maaji, New Millennium City in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State on Friday night.

Among the abducted were a housewife, her house help and an Imam who was leading the Muslim prayers in the community.

"The bandits attacked another house on the same street,

where they abducted four other persons. Two other persons discussing outside their house were also abducted, but managed to escape through a stream at the back of the community," an eye witness said.

The Imam of the area said he was yet to return home after leading the 'Isha'i' prayer usually done around 8:00pm when the gunmen stormed the community.

"I was picked in the mosque, then they broke into

two other houses and picked six people. While they were breaking the second house, myself, another neighbor, the woman and her house help kidnapped from the first house were asked to lie down on the bare floor", he narrated.

"After the bandits broke into the second house and picked four people, we became eight, then they started leading us out of the community. On getting to the stream at the far end of the community, the two of us

He said 20 people were involved in the accident but only four were confirmed dead by doctors after they were taken to hospital.

Olugbesan further noted that four people who died in the accident had been taken to the mortuary.

picked outside, escaped while they were attempting to make us cross the stream.

"The bandits were small boys. I think the eldest of them should not be more than 20 years old."

Another resident of the area, who was said to be returning home in his car, was reportedly shot by the bandits and his car with signs of bullet shots was left at the scene of attack.

"The man was returning in his car and the bandits made attempt to stop him, but he refused, so they sprayed his vehicle with bullets."

Kaduna State Police Command Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Muhammad Jalige, said he would contact the DPO in charge of Millennium City and brief journalists later.

121 pan-Yoruba groups say honour for Tinubu to encourage speedy performance

THE award given to President Bola Tinubu by 121 pan-Yoruba groups was to encourage speedy performance and commitment to the decentralisation of power for the prosperity of Nigeria, Alliance for Yoruba Democratic Movements (AYDM) has said.

The AYDM is a coalition of groups which gave awards to Tinubu, the Gov-

ernor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State, Governor Abiodun Oyebanji (Ekiti), former Governor Kayode Fayemi (Ekiti), and a chieftain of National Democratic Coalition, NADECO, Chief Ayo Opadokun, on Monday as part of activities marking the 30th anniversary of June 12.

The coalition said it was in recognition of their contributions to democracy and

sustainable development in Nigeria.

The event was attended by over 1,500 delegates across the South-West states, as well as Edo, Delta, Kogi and Kwara States.

Lagos State Deputy Governor, Dr Obafemi Hamzat, received the awards on behalf of the President and Sanwo-Olu.

Speaking at the event, Hamzat said Lagos is committed to economic and social transformation of the

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By Bashir Bello

TRAGEDY struck at the site of demolished Daula Hotel in Kano as one of the