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the local government areas, and others would ensure the target for 2025 is realized especially as the federal allocation has dwindled due to debts the State incurred over the years.

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A tragic auto crash along the LNG junction on the Tombia-Amassoma road has resulted in the death of Dr. Ebi Baraka, a lecturer at the Bayelsa State owned Niger Delta University, NDU, Amassoma and an unidentified young man.

The tragic accident, which occurred on Wednesday, has again resulted in the call for the dualisation of the usually busy road, known to have claimed several lives over the

Eyewitnesses reported that

the latest carnage was caused by a high-speed chase between the police and a car allegedly driven by "yahoo boys", a name in the local parlance for internet fraudsters.

Dr. Baraka was traveling to Yenagoa for a scheduled meeting between the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) of the NDU chapter and the state government.

He was driving his official car when the car, a Lexus ES sedan from the opposite direction rammed into his.

The force of the impact crushed both vehicles. Vehicular movement on the

route was temporarily disrupted in the aftermath of the horrific crash as sympathizers and other road users stopped by to render assistance.

A hacksaw was allegedly used to cut through the badly mangled cars to bring out the trapped victims.

The mood on campus at the Niger Delta University community was gloomy when this reported visited the area.

"The circumstances surrounding the accident are still being investigated but eyewitness accounts suggest that the police chase was a contributing factor to the tragic incident," a source said.

While the unidentified driver of the Lexus car was reportedly rushed to an undisclosed hospital in Yenagoa, his friend on the passenger side was said to have died on the spot.

Dr Baraka, the vice chairman of the ASUU, NDU chapter, who was rushed to the Niger Delta University Teaching Hospital, Okolobini later gave up the ghost.

The remains of the deceased have since been deposited at the morgue of the Niger Delta University Teaching Hospital, it was learned.

"We learned he (Dr. Baraka) was on his way to join his colleagues in Yenagoa for a meeting when his vehicle was involved in a head-on collision with another car close to the LNG junction along the Tombia-Amassoma road.

'He was rushed to the Niger Delta University Teaching Hospital, Okolobiri where doctors tried hard to save his life but he could not make due to the injuries sustained," a staff at the medical facility said. Attempt to get the reaction of the police on the was development the as unsuccessful the Spokesman of Musa Command, Mohammed, said he had yet to be briefed.

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real salaries. A glance at current salary table will substantiate this further".

The OAGF noted that baring any other salary arrears in the future, what was paid in January and February 2025 would continue to be the salaries, until such a time that the Federal Government reviewed the salaries.

The OAGF revealed that there were cases of over payments in the month of December 2024 due to system error, adding that the error has been corrected and deductions in respect of the overpayments from the salaries of affected workers was on-going and shall continue until such

handled by a Standing Committee on Promotion and Salary Arrears in the Budget Office of the Federation (BOF) which compiles and vets all salary and promotion arrears from various MDAs before such is channeled in batches to IPPIS for payment.

The OAGF said IPPIS has fully paid batches 1 to 6 and is awaiting more batches from the Budget Office of the Federation (BOF) for payment.

It reiterated its determination to efficiently manage the IPPIS in view of its importance to workers and advised workers with

