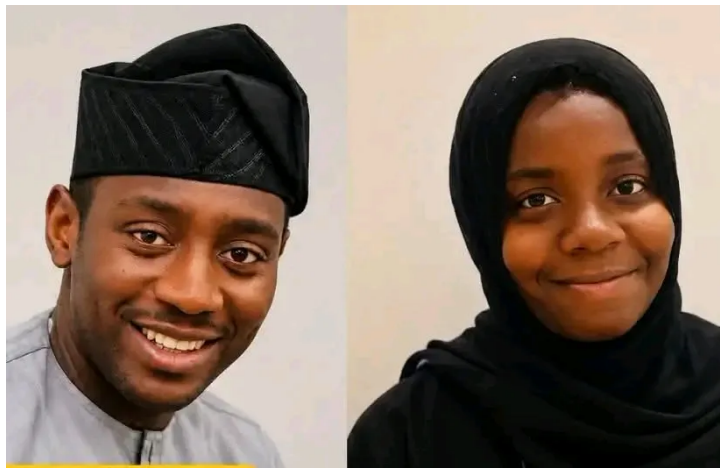


# Ex-Bauchi Deputy Governor Loses Son, Daughter In Road Crash



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**Former Deputy Governor of Bauchi State, Senator Baba Tela, has lost his children, Mustapha and Ummi, in a road crash.**

The siblings died along the Bauchi-Azare road, on Saturday.

Other occupants of the vehicle sustained injuries and are receiving treatment, but they died on the spot.

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Their bodies were taken to a hospital in Bauchi, where they were confirmed dead.

The funeral prayer, which held at the Bauchi Emir's Palace, was attended by hundreds of Muslim faithful, sympathisers and well wishers.

They were later buried according to Islamic rites.

Reacting to the tragedy, Bauchi State Governor, Senator Bala Abdulkadir Mohammed, said he received the news with profound shock and sadness, describing the incident as a painful tragedy that has cast a shadow of grief over the state.

The governor said the loss of the two siblings was not only a devastating blow to Senator Tela and his family but also a painful loss to the people of Bauchi State.

In a statement signed by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Mukhtar Gidado, the governor prayed that Almighty Allah grant the deceased eternal rest in Aljannatul Firdaus and give their family the strength and patience to bear the loss.

He urged the bereaved family to take solace in the will of Allah, reminding them that every soul will return to its Creator at the appointed time.

Governor Mohammed also sympathised with those injured in the crash and prayed for their speedy recovery.

He called on residents of the state to pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased and for Allah to grant comfort to their family.