

2 Killed, 32 Injured As Vehicle Rams Into Worshippers In Yobe



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Two persons have been confirmed dead and 32 others injured after a vehicle rammed into worshippers during a congregational prayer in Yobe State.

The incident occurred on Friday at the JIBWIS Juma'at Mosque along the Kano–Maiduguri highway in Damagum, headquarters of Fune Local Government Area of the state. The Deputy Governor, Hon. Idi Barde Gubana, expressed sympathy to the families of the deceased and those injured.

Gubana expressed the feeling at the palace of the Emir of Damagum when he led a government delegation to condole with the bereaved families, injured victims and the emirate over the incident.



He explained that preliminary investigations revealed that a commercial passenger bus, travelling at excessive speed, lost control and crashed into the worshippers observing Juma'at prayers.

"We are here on behalf of Governor Mai Mala Buni and the Yobe State Government over the unfortunate incident that occurred on Friday, in which two people lost their lives while 32 others, sustained injuries.

"The incident triggered momentary civil unrest, as some youths and worshippers set the vehicle ablaze, reducing it to ashes. This prompted the swift deployment of security operatives to restore normalcy and secure the crash site.

"This tragedy raises concerns over reckless driving in Damagum, particularly habitual over-speeding by commercial drivers, which continues to claim lives," he said.

The Deputy Governor added that the state government had donated the sum of N2 million to the families of the deceased and the injured victims as support, in addition to providing free medical treatment to all those affected.

In his response, the Emir of Fune, His Royal Highness Alhaji Saleh Idriss Ibn Usman, expressed gratitude to the state government for the visit and support extended to the victims and the emirate.