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14 die, 21 injured in Sokoto road accident

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ROAD traffic authorities yesterday confirmed the death of 14 people in a motor **accident** on Kware–Illela road in **Sokoto** State late Sunday.

Twenty-one others were injured in the **accident**, which involved an articulated vehicle travelling toward Illela and a Toyota Starlet car coming towards **Sokoto**, the police said yesterday.

Both the spokesman for **Sokoto** Police Command, Lawal Abdullahi, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) and the Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in the state, Alhaji Aliu Gadzama, confirmed the **accident**.

It was learnt that many of the victims were nationals of the neighbouring Niger Republic.

While the injured were rushed to the Usman Danfodio University Teaching Hospital (UDUTH), **Sokoto**, for treatment, the dead have been buried at Giginyu Cemetery by the hospital authorities.

The **Sokoto** State Commissioner for Health, Dr Jabbi Kilgori, said his boss, Governor Aliyu Wamakko, with his counterpart from Tahoua in Niger Republic, had visited the injured in the hospital.

Kilgori said Wamakko, while commiserating with the victims, announced that the state government would pay the medical bills of the injured.


The commissioner said the Chief Medical Director (CMD) of the hospital, Dr Yakubu Ahmed, had been informed of the state government's intention to settle the bills.

The police in Kware carried out the rescue operation at the **accident** scene.


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