

5 killed in multiple crash on Okene-Auchi highway

It was gathered that a J5 bus and two other lorries loaded with cattle and goat, collided with the crashed Dangote and Danyok articulated vehicles.

According to an eye witness, the J5 bus, which packed some few metres away from the accident scene to rescue victims, was crashed into by another Dangote lorry killing one of the rescued victims of the accident.

In a related development, two cars were involved in a mid-day accident on Constitution Road, between the Churchgate Junction and the NNPC mega station yesterday in Abuja.

The number of casualties as at the time of the report were unknown but the cars that collided were badly damaged.

According to an eye witness, who did not want his name mentioned, the accident was as a result of impatience on the T-junction.

He said the accident would not have happened if the Honda car which

hit a street light pole, had exercised a "little" patience to give way to the

occupant of the Mazda car. When NAN sought to find out about the occupants of the two cars,

the eyewitness said that they had been taken to the hospital.

He, however, said he did not know where they were taken to.

•2 cars in mid-day crash in Abuja

Insecurity: Brown, out-going Immigration boss tackles FG over porous borders

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THE out-going Deputy Comptroller-General of the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS), Dr. Babajide Adebowale Brown, has expressed concern over the porous land borders across the country which he attributed to the security challenges in the nation, including the Boko Haram insurgencies.

To effectively tackle the menace, he pleaded with the Federal Government to further empower the Service, particularly in the areas of intelligence operations and capacity building.

Dr. Brown, while speaking at Liberty Stadium, Ibadan on

the occasion of the formal pull-out held in his honour to mark his retirement, after 35 years of service to the nation, said: "The porosity of the borders could be responsible for the insecurity problems in the country, most of which had been traced to illegal immigrants."

Brown stated that the Service required more effective Intelligence Unit to man the nation's land borders.

He said: "The Nigerian Immigration Service under the noble management of Mrs. Uzoma Rose, is doing tremendously well. But there is no perfection in life. As an insider, and

as I am bowing out of the Service honourably, I want to seriously advise the Service to prevail on the Government to probably support a better and more effective Intelligence Unit of the Service and then to probably create more fund for capacity building so that we will be able to train exceptionally well the officers that are manning our border areas because of the porosity of the borders."

According to him, a generational change

of baton at the highest echelon of the Service is expected in the next few months "as most of my contemporaries in the Service, the cream of the Nigerian Immigration Service of the 70s, would be retiring from the Service."

To this end, he charged the officers and staff of the Immigration Service to "hold the fort beautifully, honestly and with the interest of this country and the Service at heart."

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