

10 killed in Potiskum autocrash

Residents of Potiskum town in Yobe state were thrown into grief yesterday, as ten well known traders in the town died in a car crash while from Kano.

Among the dead are Abdullahi Naleko, Alhaji Hassan Mai Kaset and Madam Magiret Benji all of whom are renowned members of the Potiskum business community.

Hundreds of people turned out on the streets of Poti-

From Abdullahi Bego, Maiduguri

skum to pay their respects.

Daily Trust gathered that the crash happened late evening on Monday around Jama'are town on the Kano-Maiduguri highway.

The men were travelling in a Peugeot 505 saloon car when they had a head-on collision with a Jeep.

In a telephone chat with *Daily Trust*, the Chairman of the Kano Long Journey branch of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), in Potiskum, Alhaji Bala Kebbi said all ten occupants of the Peugeot 505 Saloon car lost their lives on the spot. It was not clear if there were fatalities in the Jeep.

Alhaji Bala Kebbi added that the remains of the deceased were taken to the Potiskum General Hospital where their families and relations claimed the bodies individually to prepare for their burial according to Islamic rites.

The burials took place in the various homes of the victims yesterday morning, drawing huge crowds of people who went to sympathize with their families.

The ten, including the driver of the car called Abubakar Kareka, were returning to Potiskum after a business trip to Kano where most Potiskum businessmen and traders go to buy their wares.

The spot where the accident took place on the Kano-Maiduguri highway is stretch of bad road.

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From Bola Ojuola, Lagos

the police in the state with various arms and ammunitions buried inside bags of beans.

The two men, Sunday Ogbonna and Marcus Ugwu, were arrested by policemen on stop and search duty at Agege area in a Mazda taxi cab with registration number SG 758 EKY at about 1.30pm.

Daily Trust learnt that when the vehicle was flagged down, the two occupants were ordered to come down and open the boot for search. Sensing that the game was up, the two men attempted to escape.

While one of them named Marcus was said to have disappeared into thin air, Sunday was caught and ordered to open the bags which they claim contained beans.

Alas, inside the bags were one AK 47 rifle, one brownie pistol, four empty magazines of AK 47, and other assorted arms and ammunitions.