

Bafarawa loses brother, driver in auto crash

A younger brother to Governor Attahiru Bafarawa of Sokoto state and three others died in an auto crash last Sunday along the Gusau-Sokoto road.

Among those who died are a driver with the Government House, Sokoto, Malam Hassan Mohammed and two others.

The accident which occurred at Imasa village, about 65 kilometers from Sokoto, involved a commercial bus and a Peugeot 505 from Kaduna to Sokoto at about 10:30 pm on Sunday.

Narrating his ordeal to *Daily Trust* at the Specialist Hospital Sokoto, one of the victims who is the Bureau Chief of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), in Sokoto, Malam Bashir Rabe, said they had their *Magrib* and *Isha'i* prayers in Talata Mafara and about 30 kilometers away from Mafara "all I could tell you is I saw myself on the ground and cannot say exactly how the accident happened." According to him, the Government House driver, Malam Hassan Mohammed, died instantly while the other two died on the way to the hospital.

However, according to the

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police in Tureta, the driver of the Peugeot 505 saloon ran into the bus which was packed by the owner to buy firewood but officials of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), who visited the driver of the Peugeot 505 at the hospital told *Daily Trust* that the bus driver was negotiating the highway and the 505 driver of the incoming vehicle had no option than to run into the bus.

One of the victims, Auta

Maisamari, who is a lawyer had both ears chopped off, a fracture on his right leg and a deep cut on his head. As at the time of filing this report at about 3:40 pm, his relations from Kaduna were negotiating to transport him back home.

The hospital authorities have agreed to provide ambulance for them while Aula's relations are to fuel the vehicle to Kaduna and back to Sokoto.

Already, late Malam Hassan Mohammed was buried in Sokoto yesterday according to Islamic rites.

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The presidential candidate of the Democratic Peoples Party (DPP), Alhaji Attahiru Bafarawa, says insincerity on the part of the nation's leaders has been responsible for the worsening crisis in the Niger Delta region.

Bafarawa, who stated this at his campaign rally in Port Harcourt at the weekend, promised to apply political solutions to the problems of the region if elected in next

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month's presidential elections.

Bafarawa described the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC); as a Commission for Corruption,' saying those who created the agency did not mean well for the people of the region.

He particularly faulted the composition of the board of