

# News

## Few minutes after JAMB exam, four Benue candidates die in auto crash

A ghastly motor accident involving a Peugeot J5 mini bus and a Toyota Starlet, Saturday, claimed the lives of four JAMB candidates, a few minutes after they left the examination hall in Katsina-Ala, Benue state.

The tragedy struck at Ugbema Junction, along the Katsina-Ala-Gboko federal highway when the bus they were traveling in collided with a Toyota starlet car.

Eye witnesses recounted that the ill fated vehicles lost control and collided with each other when the drivers were attempting to avoid some pot-

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holes.

The four UME candidates were said to have died at the spot of the accident. Their corpses were later taken back to Katsina-Ala town where they were deposited at the General Hospital mortuary by the police.

Eye witness added that several persons who were traveling in the ill fated vehicles sustained various degrees of injury. They were also taken to the hospital for medical treatment.

Benue police command spokesman, Samuel Jinadu (ASP), refused to confirm the

accident in a telephone interview with *Daily Trust*, yesterday. He said his office had not been briefed. However, *Daily Trust*

learnt that the police moved in quickly and towed away the mangled vehicles.

The yearly examination in

the state did not witness serious cases of malpractice as was the case in 2006, a development which compelled

the JAMB headquarters in Abuja to cancel results in many centres across the state. ..

## I will retire to my farm after hand-over - Gov Adamu

**From Ahmed Tahir Ajobe**

The out-going governor of Nasarawa state, Alhaji Abdullahi Adamu, says he is eager to handover power to the in-coming administration and retire to his farm.

Governor Adamu who spoke with newsmen weekend at Keffi, reiterated that he was very anxious to handover governance of the state to the newly elected governor and leave government house.

Alh Adamu who wants to be remembered for ensuring peaceful co-existence of all the ethnic groups in the state, recalled the role of his government in quelling the communal crisis that befell the state in 2001.

The governor said that the efforts of his administration in developing the state has manifested in

virtually all sectors of the economy.

Alhaji Adamu mentioned that the establishment of the Nasarawa State University, state Polytechnic, School of Nursing and Midwifery and the construction of standard health centers in all the local governments and Development areas are clear manifestations of his administration's efforts to develop the state.

The governor hinted that his greatest challenge in the eight years of administering the state was limited resources at the disposal of the state, noting that he could have done more than what he has achieved.

Asked how has it been being the governor, Adamu retorted, "I like my job, being the governor is not a picnic, do what you can and leave that rest," he submitted.