

# Truck crash in Gombe kills 11

A truck loaded with people coming home from the market crashed and killed 11 and injured 22 others on the Gombe-Biu road on Saturday night.

One of the victims, Ifeanyi Odo, a seller of bicycle spare parts who escaped with a fractured leg, told *Daily Trust* on his hospital bed that they were coming back from Kwaya market in Borno state to Gombe when the accident occurred.

There were nearly 60 people on the truck with all their goods when the driver of the vehicle lost control.

Ifeanyi who appeared weak and worried that his leg was not attended to several hours after the accident, said there were many passengers in the vehicle and that each of them had his goods in the same long vehicle.

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Confirming the accident, the State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Mr. Francis Udoma, said the vehicle involved was a Mercedes Benz MAN Diesel. The crash was 86 km from Gombe metropolis.

Mr. Udoma said there were 57 people on board the vehicle and except for the dead and those receiving medical attention, the others sustained minor injuries and were treated and discharged.

The FRSC boss appealed to motorists and passengers to ensure that vehicles are driven according to traffic regulations and ensure that vehicles were not overloaded, saying that most accidents occur as a

dependent counsel who will further investigate the allegations and recommend if a *prima facie* case has been established against the suspect.

"The report will thereafter be sent to the House of Assembly in the case of a governor and the National Assembly in the case of the president or vice-president.

"If the independent counsel finds that an offence has been committed, the expectation of the law is that the legislative house will impeach the suspect.

"If the suspect is successfully impeached, then the immunity is lifted and we can then go ahead to prosecute," Ayoola added.

He described as "baseless and untrue," reports that the files on the ex-governors were missing.

"The report is a fiction and I am surprised that anybody will peddle such ridiculous story," he said.