

Auto crash claims four lives in Katsina

Four people have lost their lives and thirteen others were critically injured in a road accident on Yashe-Funtua road in Katsina state.

Daily trust gathered that the accident which occurred around 6:30 pm on Thursday at Marabar Musawa junction involved a tractor, a commercial bus and a lorry conveying people and their goods from Jikamshi Market.

An eye witness who spoke to our correspondent said the commercial bus conveying seventeen passengers in an attempt to overtake a tractor brushed it and ran into the oncoming lorry.

Four people died instantly while thirteen others sustained injuries.

The chairman Musawa Local Government, Dr Lawal Aliyu Musawa who arrived the scene immediately after the incident helped in the evacuation of the victims to Musawa General Hospital.

He sent condolence to the deceased families and urge motorist to check all their lights

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before embarking on a night journey. He also urged the

motorist to avoid over speeding unnecessarily. The deceased has since been buried according to Islamic rites.

Hajj: Borno/ Yobe carrier surfaces

Air Niamey/I.R.S joint carrier for Borno and Yobe states has finally deployed an aircraft to the Maiduguri zone to resume the airlift of pilgrims to Saudi Arabia after ten days' delay.

The 200 capacity aircraft has so far airlifted 400 pilgrims from Borno and Yobe in two flights from Maiduguri to Saudi Arabia within 24 hours.

The development has boosted the confidence of pilgrims and officials from the two states while the airport has become continually busy.

With the recent development, about 900 pilgrims have been airlifted from the zone while 4,928 are

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waiting to be airlifted. The aircraft is expected to evacuate another 200 pilgrims by noon today even as the Maiduguri zonal coordinator of NAHCON, Umar Mohammed Kalgo told *Daily Trust* that a bigger aircraft was expected at the zone so that the pilgrims would be evacuated in good time

He reiterated that no pilgrim would be left in Nigeria as the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria has made concrete arrangements with very close monitoring to guarantee a hitch free hajj operation.