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## 13 students perish in crash

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Funeral prayers being held for the accident victims

Thirteen teenage students between the ages of 15 and 19 were burnt to death on Saturday night when two speeding cars in which they were travelling collided and rammed into a pedestrian bridge at Gyadi-Gyadi on the Zaria Road in Kano metropolis. Only one of the occupants of the cars survived the crash with first degree burns when the two vehicles burst into flames immediately after the collision.

Daily Trust gathered that the students, seven in each car, were returning from a wedding party of one of their relations, Abdullahi, at the Tourist Camp when

one of their vehicles hit a pedestrian who was trying to cross the road.

Malam Danladi Sule, who witnessed the accident, said one of the cars, a Toyota Carina, swerved and slowed down in order to avoid hitting the pedestrian, but the other car, a Honda Civic, rammed into it and there was an instant explosion. The pedestrian himself sustained serious injuries and died at the hospital in the early hours of yesterday.

According to a family member of two of the deceased students who pleaded anonymity, two of the boys, Abba and Aminu had just sat for their Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations (SSCE), while the others were in secondary school, remedial studies and first year undergraduate students.

The officer in charge of operations at the Kano State Fire Service, Kassim Musa, said they were alerted at 11:53 pm on Saturday night and they arrived the scene of the accident around 11:56pm. He said seven people had already died at the spot while eight others were rescued and taken to the hospital, where most of them died.

The Kano Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ahmad Hassan confirmed the incident, saying the two overloaded vehicles were over-speeding. "The vehicles were overloaded with passengers and the sudden explosion was caused by the presence of a petrol sale point near the scene of the accident," he said.

The Sector Commander also said all the occupants were teenagers. "Both the drivers and the passengers are boys. And you know people of that age group are thrilled by over-speeding," he said. While condoling with the families of the deceased, the corps commander cautioned parents to desist from allowing their underage children to drive vehicles.

Kano State Deputy Commissioner of Police Tanko Lawan also confirmed the incident, saying the vehicles had earlier been stopped by the police close to the accident scene, but that the young boys zoomed off at high speed. "I was at the scene of the accident immediately after the crash. The police stopped them but they refused to stop. It was a case of excessive speeding," the DCP said.

Daily Trust also learnt that hours before last Saturday's incident, residents of Court Road in Kano metropolis had to erect temporary ramps in the area to try to stop over-speeding motorcades of teenage drivers who were having a party at the Social Welfare hall. While calling on government to relocate the party hall out of the area, a resident, Salisu Magaji Gombe, said the hall's presence in their neighbourhood posed a threat to their lives as young people drive recklessly while holding parties.

While paying a condolence visit to the families of the deceased yesterday, Kano State deputy governor Engineer Abdullahi Tijani Gwarzo prayed for the repose of the souls of the deceased and for the families to have the fortitude to bear the losses.

The funeral prayer for some of the deceased boys took place at Tahir Mosque in Gyadi-Gyadi and their charred remains were buried at Tarauni Cemetery in Kano metropolis. Hundreds of people attended the funeral prayers.

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# **carefulness** — **hauwa A Muhammad** 2009-10-19 06:22

be carefull,for carefulness is the only remedy to driving,if not accident will occur,be carefull while eating,if not u will bite your tongue,be careful while and have a good result.

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# **Allahu'akbar** — **Abubakar Danjuma** 2009-10-19 06:33

May their soul rest in perfect peace Ameeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeen.

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# **tragedy** — **Auwal** 2009-10-19 07:31

May their soul's rest in peace- Allah ya jikansu Yasa Mu cika da Imani..

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# **Mr** — **Lawan Aliyu** 2009-10-19 07:49

It is a tragedy...peaceful as it may look, those Jerry cans containing fuel by the road side are our greatest danger and they are everywhere in Kano even when there is adequate supply at Filling stations. It is time we face reality, every other state calls it black market why should we legalise it? We should also think twice before allowing 15 - 19 year olds to drive just because they can, they are not matured enough. No patience. May their souls rest in peace.

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# **its a pity** — **raiyen husain** 2009-10-19 08:26

my condolence to their families. what a great loss to the nation.

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# **Mr** — **Raji Ishak** 2009-10-19 08:47

May their Soul rest perfect peace.

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# **Comments** — **Nuhu Dawaki** 2009-10-19 08:56

May Allah forgive and grant them His Mercy; also, May He grant their respective families the ability to bear the lost. I wish to call on our parents to desist from allowing thier underage kids from driving till when they reached the right age...2ndly, The authorities should regaulate the issuance of Drivers' Licences in a world class manner and should only be issued to qualified candidates. This is to forestall irregular issuance of Drivers' Licence to unqualified candidates. 3rdly, our youths should please be law abiding, pleeeeeease....There is time for everything, so wait for your time. ALLAH Ya tsare gaba...

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# **re:13 students perished in crash** — **malam abba kano** 2009-10-19 09:21

i do not understand why kano state government refuse to take any measure to clamp down petrol black marketeering in the city. day by day these people are killing innocents people please malam do some thing about it.

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# **Accident** — **Rev. Dauda A.Gava** 2009-10-19 09:21

That is a real tragedy to the nation to have lost its teen agers.We hope that our roads will be safe and that there is always need to drive cautiously.

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# **My ta'aziya** — **IBRAHIM UMAR** 2009-10-19 09:33

MAY Allah subhanahu wa ta'allah grant forgive their trespasses and grand them aljanah.

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# **OPEN SALE OF PETROL IN KANO** — **xitizen** 2009-10-19 09:34

Allh jikan Musulmi kuma Allah Gafarta musu, ya basu aljanna firdaus.

Amma,it is now time for the government and people okf Kano to check open sale of petroleum products in Kano metropolis. Something like this happened sometime ago along Maiduguri road. You see there jerry cans all over Kano and sometimes very close to the road and near tea and suya sellers who use fire for their business. Sometimes at junctions, these jerry cans occupy blind spots such that drivers cannot see vehicles coming from their right or left.

I do not want to believe that the authorities are unaware of this hazardous development and only wish that the governor use hi Hisbah guys to justify their presence in the community .

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# **Mallam** — **Kumar** 2009-10-19 12:10

I agree with your commen bxitizen, but it should not only stop at petrol sellers but also Yanachaba, Adaidaita-Sahu, Taxi and Bus Drivers and even the private car owners, we are in a state of chaos where disrespect to authority and rules of law is the order of the day and unfortunately, the people dont want to accept that fact and the Government dont seem to care about all this issues.

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# **Ustaz** — **Alhassan Ladan** 2009-10-19 09:34



I should start by saying may the Almighty Allah have mercy on the believers. The prophet had warn us not to imitate the west & the Jewish in our doings. People continue to follow there heart desire to offend there Creator, well no amount of people's prayer can save one from Allah's punishment but we do prayed that Allah continue to have mercy on us. May Allah Make us learn from this incidence.

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**# MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE – EBENEZER A FELIX** 2009-10-19 10:14

I commiserate with the families of the deceased. May the souls of the departed rest in peace.

I join the Road Safety in appealing to parents to stop their under-aged children from driving. Young boys are full adventurous life-styles and as such highly excited by high speed.

This is a great loss to our nation.

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**# condolence – Aliyu Y** 2009-10-19 10:18

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I join the Federal Road Safety in advising parents to please stop their under-aged children from driving. Young men are full of adventure and as such they are always excited by high speed.

This, indeed, is a great loss to our country.

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**# Hadison – Al-amin Jibril** 2009-10-19 10:21

Allah ya gafar ta masu Amin Summa Amin

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**# Parents Must Take Note – Adamu Kiyawa** 2009-10-19 10:46

I am shedding tears as I write this note for the loss of the lives of 13 of our future leaders all because we parents allow our teenage kids.

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**# rules governing driving in kano state – abdulkadir** 2009-10-19 10:47

I udge the government to overlook over this kind of problems by taking a serious action.means by not allowing people under the age of 20 based on my viewing to be driving and they must have there driving licence with them.may the souls of these young men rest in peace. AMEEN.

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**# FROM HIM (ALLAH) WE AND TO HIM WE RETURN – Mohammed Nafiu** 2009-10-19 10:51

It's really cos losin live of teenagers of these magnitude is pathetic. Also the government try to check indiscriminate sell of petroluem products in the state.

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**# road side bomb. – jibril baffa yola** 2009-10-19 11:26

may swa. have mercy on every muslim,and may govt look into the issue of sales of petrol by the edge of our roads.

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**# mr – ahmad garko** 2009-10-19 11:41

Allah yagi kansu ya rahamshe su gabaki dayansu kuma yasa aljanna makoma.

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**# condolence – Musa A Dan Bakware** 2009-10-19 11:56

May their gentle soul rest in perfect peace....ameen

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**# Comments – Isaac Salami** 2009-10-19 11:58

Its quite unfortunate missing the your teenagers. May their souls rest in peace.

Its high time government bodies concern take their jobs serious; put in place a strong mechanizm that will checkmate this issue of under-aged children driving in cities and even the high ways. It posses a lot of danger to the society, not just to the culprits but the society at large.

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**# accident – Gasky Truth** 2009-10-19 12:18

Nigerians drive as babarians on steering wheel all over. They speed as if car engine is invented by them. Speed constitute 80% of accident but Nigerian when cautioned curse you out. Nigerians are so rude when you reprimind or caution them about speeding. Even trailer drivers, bulion van drivers & governor's convoys are the worst reckless on our roads. Nigerian road obstacles & reckless policwe

check-points also constitute death traps on our roads. Whatever speeding is the worst.

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**# A generation has been lost. – Ray Otache** 2009-10-19 12:21

May the ALMIGHTY GOD grant the families the fortitude to bear this loss.What a tragedy?

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**# Mrs – Funmi** 2009-10-19 12:26

This is tragedy, souls lost like that. We don't even know whether they have accepted Christ as their Saviour. Well since there is no repentance in the grave, I pray that those left behind will receive grace to bear the lost, and also make things right with God, we don't know who is next.

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**# MAY ALLAH ACCEPT THEM – shehuddeen** 2009-10-19 12:44

May almighty Allah forgive them and admit them in al jannatul firdausi amin

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**# Mr – Abdallah** 2009-10-19 12:47

May their gentle souls rest in a perfect peace and may Allah grant them the highest echelon in jannat.

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**# ACCIDENT & DEATH – ibrahim sm** 2009-10-19 12:57

ACCIDENT HAS NO RESPECT FOR ANYONE. ITS THE WILL ALLAH AND UNTO HIM IS THE FINAL RETURN. HOW WAS THEIR FILES? IT MAY BE MY OR YOUR TURN NEXT;,,,, ARE WE EQUIPT? IBRAHIM SM ADEJOH -ABUJA

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**# condolance – ISMAIL R MAIHADISI** 2009-10-19 13:05

may Allah in his infinite mercy forgive them their shortcomings and may aljannatul firdausi be their abort

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**# INNALILLAH... – Saad mohd** 2009-10-19 13:12

May their soul rest in peace, n may ALLAH (S.W.A) grant them Aljannatul FIRDAUS. Ameen!

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**# Mr. – Usman Auwalu Isah** 2009-10-19 14:02

INNA LILLAHI WA INNA ILAIHI RAJIUN!!!  
MAY THERE SOULS REST IN PEACE.  
HOWEVER, WE SHOULD ENDEAVOUR TO BE RESPONSIBLE ENOUGH IN OUR LIVES.  
THIS IS A GREAT LESSON TO ALL.

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**# may their soul rest in peace – kayode** 2009-10-19 14:03

May thy lord be with their family,govenment should also stop under aged drivers on our road

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**# mr – vandi T kapala** 2009-10-19 14:13

our prayer is that our government should look at these, so called black market why?  
the daeth of these young children is cause by black market.if it was over speed one or two people will dead but not13 and for roasafety is it safe to sale petrol near the raod? pls think

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**# CONDOLENCE MESSAGE – Aminu Jibrin Maitafa** 2009-10-19 14:13

May the Lord of the World have Mercy on them and may HE grant them Jannatul Firdausi  
And there is a need for the State Government to do something concerning this Chiwa-chiwa because this is killing people in Kano more than AID and other diseases. The worse is that the chiwa chiwa's or whatever they called themselves are not even useful to themselves talk less of the society.

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**# m.kutama – musa kutama** 2009-10-19 14:16

INNA LILLAHI WA INNA ILAIHI RAJU,UN.IT WAS SAD AND PATHETIC TO HEAR SUCH NEWS  
OF THE DEMISE OF THESE BAYIN ALLAH MAY THEIR SOUL REST IN PERFECT  
PEACE.PARENTS OF THE DECEASED ACCEPT MY CONDOLENCE.

ON BEHALF OF MY SELF AND FAMILY.--KUTAMA.

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**# m.kutama – musa kutama** 2009-10-19 14:20

buwayi ya yafe masu [muma ya yafemu.]jiyaye Allah ya baku hakurin jure rashin.

musa kutama r,f,i,-hausa.

Neja-Delta.

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**# USMANCONSULT – Uthman A. Issa Yola** 2009-10-19 14:27

Now that carelessness coupled with the useless trade of fuel on the Nigerian road sides HAD CLAIMED THE LIVE OF 13 HUMAN BEINGS each of which worth more than \$150 times 11,000,000,00 and that it is non debatable that this 'yanbunburutu' cannot compensate for it as Diyyat, then Shariah commission of Kano state if at all is working should come and explain to us concerning the verdict. And to ourselves [the Nigerians] we should make sure we create a law to save our lives from reckless deaths. Indeed, I support the deregulation of the downstream oil sector to rid us of the dangerous effect of oil scarcity in Nigeria, our motherland. Long live Nigeria. May their lives rest in peace and may Allah make their parents and relatives .

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**# MAY ALLAH GRANT THE SOULS JANNATUL FIRDAUS – Abba Aji Babagana** 2009-10-19 14:32

Inna Lillahi Wa inna Ilaihi Raju'un. May Allah Gives the family the fortitude to bear the lost.

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**# CONDELENCE – ZAINAB SHEHU** 2009-10-19 14:41

May their soul rest in perfect peace! What a great loss

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**# P R O – Ardo zuabiru** 2009-10-19 14:44

Allah yafube amin

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**# MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE – Mustash** 2009-10-19 14:45

May their souls rest in peace. However, we must go back to the era of driving test by VIOs before children are licenced to drive. Parents should also be responsible enough to prevent their underaged children from driving. The problem is that some of these parents are themselves delinquent.

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**# pity – obasi michael** 2009-10-19 14:48

it is a pity we have not learn our lessons from the past mistakes, Gov. Shekarau please do something immediately to stop so call yandabas from selling petrol by the side of the road in kano.

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**# 13 teenagers perished – ajanah abdulmumuni** 2009-10-19 15:07

perenthood goes beyond having children, the differences animal and being perant is the ability to noture the kids with gospel of humble and decent way of life relative to the kind of fiends the keep. what happened to the inocent boys is a mirror of the decadance that has eaten deep in to our system.perants have failed to perform their functions as parents over the years. may their soul rest in peace.

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**# MAY GOD GRANT YOU INTERNAL REST. – YUSUF LAWAL** 2009-10-19 15:12

I THEREFORE ASK ALMIGHTY GOD TO GRANT THE DECEASED INTERNAL REST AND ALSO THEIR FAMILY TO BEAR THE LOST OF THIER PRESIOUS CHILDREN.

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**# Gone too soon – Abbas** 2009-10-19 15:14

I was a witness to the scene of the accident,and believe me,it was gruesome what i saw.They are at high speed,and it's what accelerated their instant death. I condoled with the families. Peace to their soul in heaven.

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**# inna nillahi wa inna ilaihir raji un – Mohammed Yahaya koki** 2009-10-19 15:25

my cousin was part of them....may their souls rest in perfect peace

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**# Innalilahi wa'inna ileihim'raji'u Allah yajikan su da rahaman sa, Amin. – Ibrahim U. Ode** 2009-10-19 15:31

Death is inevitable to every human being, but we humans should stop misbehaving, we shouldn't think we rich by living our children behave anyhow. The true is one young persons of below 20yrs old should not qurrateee of riding a car.

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**# condolence – ismaeel sanusi** 2009-10-19 15:36

may Allah subhannahu wata Alah grant them with Aljannat firdausi

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# **Lt – Ahmad Umar** 2009-10-19 16:04

Innanillahi wainnailaihir-rajiun, may Allah almighty grand them Aljanna-fiddaus and their parents the fortitude to bear the lost. amen

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# **RIP – aminu** 2009-10-19 16:20

may their souls rest in perfect peace kuma Allah ya sa sun huta....Ameen

we just have to bear in mind that we are in nigeria

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# **malam – mamman bauchi** 2009-10-19 16:35

May Allah guide parents to take control of their teenagers. very tragic indeed,but only WE can stop such happenings!

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# **ALLAH ye jikan su – Idris Saba** 2009-10-19 16:41

This is truely a blood-curdling,heart rending story.Young men of nowadays with craze 4 overspeed-All we can say is, it's GOD'S Ordainment.MAy ALLAH (subhana wa tahala) have mercy on their souls and grant them aljanatul firdausi.God forgive me,but 4rm what i read it's possible the police had a hand in the accident...u just can never tell what those blackies can do

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# **ALLAHU AKBAR – yusuf barau** 2009-10-19 16:43

Allah yasa karshen wahalar kenan amin.

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# **Mr. – Mohammed Ahmed** 2009-10-19 16:50

Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'un.

MAY THE SOULS OF Muslims among them rest in Aljanna Firdausi. Ameen.

However, let me join my teaming brothers and sisters and call upon our parents to fear ALLAH.In particular, I refer to wealthy parents among the Elites,Politicians,Business Tycoons,Ulamas,Traditional Rulers and Chiefs,Highly Government Officials etc.Most of the teenagers/underaged found driving came from these families.

Further, the Hajiya's, Madams/ Mamas, Aunties should fear ALLAH most because you play greater role in giving your children cars to drive for outings where they end up killing themselves and innocents people.The consequences is in your shoulders.You will stand to answer before ALLAH in the HEREFTER.

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# **Allahu akbar – yusuf barau** 2009-10-19 16:54

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# **alhaji – ahmed kwa** 2009-10-19 17:09

May their soul rest in peace and may Allah SWT grant the families the courage to bear this tragic loss. However there is serious need for government to legislate a law prohibiting these night parties. There is no single benefit from holding these parties rather they are just avenues for waste of money, time, and resources that could be applied to better things such as charity, eduction, welfare, etc. They are also a means of disobedience to all mighty Allah because they are gatherings where all sorts of ungodly acts are perpetrated. They help breed immorality and indiscipline. Night wedding parties especially for muslims should be totally banned.

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# **A Reminder for the Leaders!!! – Abubakar** 2009-10-19 17:16

May their souls rest in perfect and eternal peace.

But for the police officers and road safety, where are they when teenagers of that age start driving without even attending driving school, without a driving license, without a prior knowledge of the road signs and road's rules and regulations. why never say anything until when such fatal accidents occur then one with the biggest mouth begins to talk rubbish. u shuld know that any single soul perish due to ur carelessness, negligence Wallahi you will be held accountable before The Most Powerful on the Day of Judgement. you are neither competent nor fit enough for the work. May Allah grant the family of the deceased the fortitude to bear the lost.

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# **Mallam – Adams Melig** 2009-10-19 19:44

May there soul rest in perfect peach ameeeeeeeeeeeeeeen

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# **RIP – OGENE AHMED** 2009-10-19 20:07

MAY ALLMIGHTY ALLAH GRANT THIER PERFECT SOUL REST IN PERFECT PEACE [AMIN]

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# **Mr – Bello Umar** 2009-10-19 20:16

It is a great lost to loos these young men, the leaders of tomorrow. It is difficult to fill the Gap they left. May our good God forgive them all their sins.

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# **Ta'aziyya – aminu shariff** 2009-10-19 21:43

Allah ya ji kansu da rahama, amin

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# **Condolence – Nura Grafix** 2009-10-19 22:16

Allah Ya jikansu Ya gafarta masu Ya kuma kiyaye mu da wannan hadarurruka dake faruwa. ameen

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# **KULLI NAFSIN ZA'IKATIL MAUT – nura tahir abdallah** 2009-10-19 23:17

May Allah SWT forgiv them for all the sins they've committed. And may Allah SWT prevent us from this kind of accidents. Parents should take note of this, stop allowing your underage children to be driven cars, Allah ya kiyaye mu, amin...

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# **mal. – ibrahim wada yunusa** 2009-10-19 23:22

May Allah SWT grant the family of the deceased the fortitude to bear the lost. one advise to Kano State Government is to finish the repairs on the Gyadi Gyadi road as the road is now too tiny in order to avoid such re occurrence

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# **what a waste – Ini Johnson** 2009-10-19 23:59

"Every man's death diminishes me because I am part of humanity".says Mahatma Ghandi With those wise words,I offer my condolence. But let's face the bitter truth.Wealthy parents who over pamper their kids should learn a lesson from this type of tragedy which is now becoming a recurring decimal year in ,year out.There are many ways you can show love or indulge your kids beside buying a car and encouraging him to drive Driving or motoring requires maturity,so buying a car for your teenage son or allowing him to handle the steering to me is akin to handing out a suicide pill wraped in a chocolate or candy foil.Our very wealthy (money miss road)parents should think twice or better still channel those excess cash to charity. Those 13 souls would not have perished IF no but if.

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# **Allahu akbar – Khalid Muhammad Sabo** 2009-10-20 05:57

may their soul rest in peace.Ameen

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