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eral Buhari and urged Nigerians to emulate him.

Auto crash claims 18 in Kogi

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

EIGHTEEN persons died while several others were severely injured yesterday in an auto crash along the Abuja-Lokoja road.

The accident occurred around 2pm at Seyin Village, about 17 kilometres from Lokoja, the Kogi State capital, when an 18-seater bus from Lokoja was overtaking another vehicle at a bend and collided with a trailer belonging to the Dangote Group of companies.

According to witnesses, all the 18 passengers in the bus travelling to Giriyan village died on the spot.

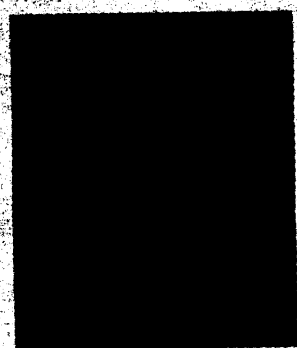
"This is very sad. I have counted 18 dead bodies even before the

officers of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) arrived the scene. It was due to carelessness on the part of the driver of the bus. He dangerously overtook the other bus at a sharp corner, and in the process collided with Dangote trailer," said Musa Hassan, a witness.

The FRSC Sector Commander, Mr Yomi Asaniyan, however said only 13 persons died and six were seriously injured. Asaniyan said bodies of the deceased had been deposited at the mortuary of the Kogi State Specialist Hospital, Lokoja, while the injured were receiving treatment in the same hospital.

He appealed to driv-

ers to exercise patience and caution on the road, stressing that the task of reducing carnage on the roads is the responsibility of all. Ten of the victims were later in the evening buried separately according to Islamic rites at the Angwakura burial ground around Kabawa Primary School, Lokoja.



Woman sets son ablaze

From Rakiya A. Muhammad,
Sokoto

THE police in Sokoto have nabbed a 35-year old woman, Asma'u Ibrahim, for allegedly killing her adopted son, Mohammed Mubarak Bala by setting fire on him. Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr Saidu Madawaki, disclosed this while addressing journalists in Sokoto yesterday.

According to him, on

July 23, 2010, the command received information from concerned citizens that the suspect had deliberately tied her adopted son, Mohammed, aged 10, with a rope in her house and set him on fire. He said Mohammed sustained injuries and was rushed to the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto (UDUTH). The deputy commissioner added that he was later transferred

to Sokoto clinic where he died while receiving treatment.

He said investigations were still on and that when concluded the suspect would be taken to court for prosecution. The suspect refused to speak to journalists on the incident. Late mohammed was said to have been under the care of the Sokoto State Orphanage Home before his adoption.