

# Police nab survivor as 2 die in auto crash

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THE police in Zamfara yesterday said they arrested a passenger who was tampering with the luggage of another passenger in an accident where two persons died and 19 others sustained injuries at Damba village, about three kilometers from Gusau, capital of Zamfara State.

Witnesses told our reporter that the accident which involved a Toyota Hiace bus conveying passengers from Kaduna to Gusau skidded off the road following a tyre burst.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Murtala Mustapha whose men conveyed the victims to the Federal Medical Centre in Gusau explained that an unidentified

young lady died on the spot while about 20 passengers were injured. At the FMC another passenger died while on admission. Medics were seen attending to patients who filled the emergency ward.

ASP Mustapha said while policemen were attempting to rescue the victims, one of the passengers who escaped unscathed was apprehended in a bushy corner

untying the luggage of one of the passengers.

According to the police officer, the owner of the bag claimed that there was N100, 000 in the luggage. No money was discovered when the suspect was arrested. The suspect was said to have been given free ride from Kaduna to Gusau when he complained that he had no transport fare. He

was remanded in police custody pending investigation.

The police officer said after conveying the injured to hospital, their belongings were also taken to the nearest police station for safe keeping as the accident occurred in the outskirts. Officials of the FRSC at the scene attributed the accident to over-speeding.