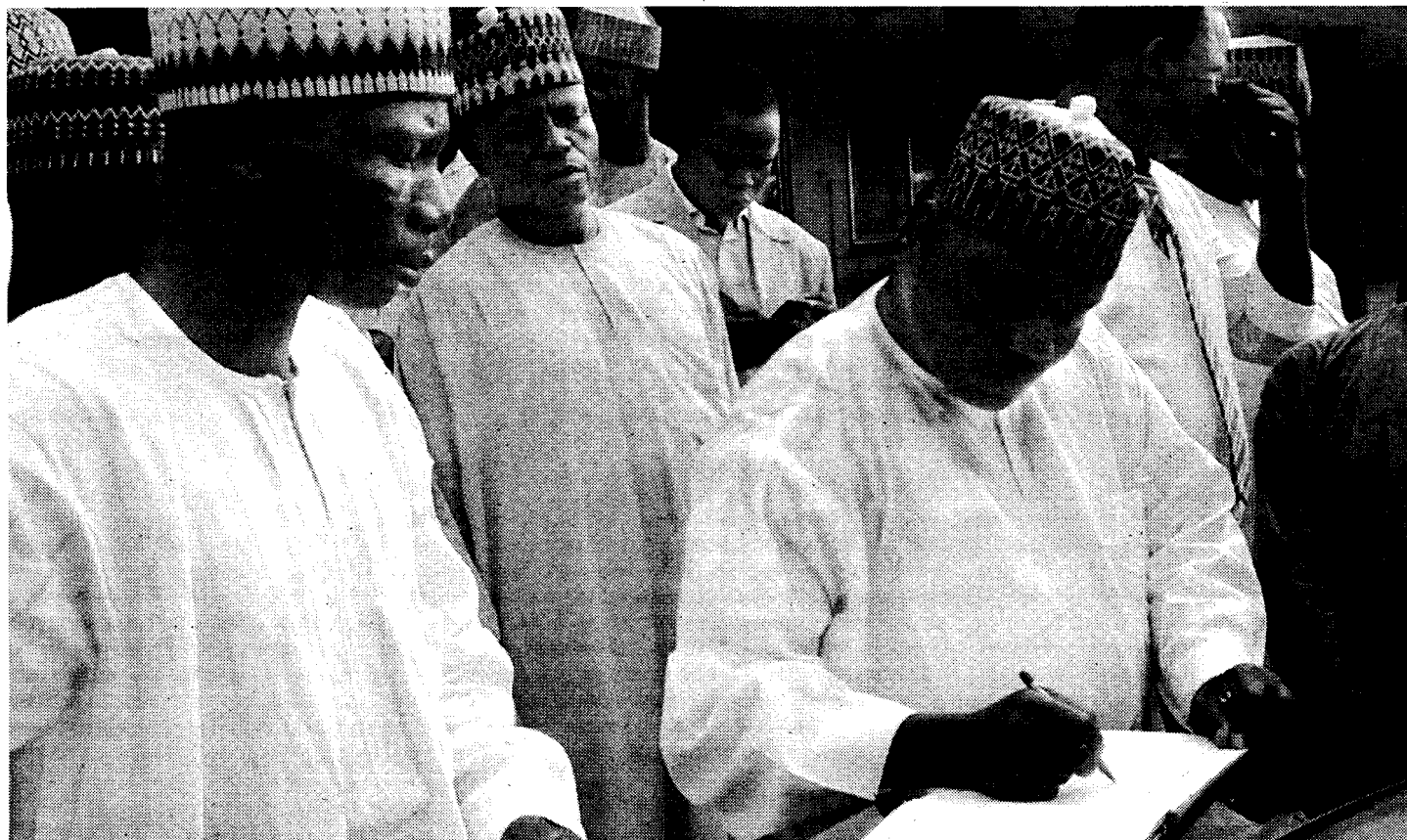


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GWAGWALADA Council chairman, Alhaji Zakari Angulu Dobi, signing the visitor's register at UniAbuja Teaching Hospital on Thursday.

Commercial bus knocks down 3 pupils in Kubwa

Pandemonium occurred Monday at "Woman Boku" area of Kubwa, a satellite town of the FCT, when a commercial bus knocked down three pupils of Local Education Authority (LEA) Primary School II.

The Kubwa Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mohammed Nasiru, confirmed the death of one of the pupils, Jacob Isiaku.

Nasiru said the others were receiving medical attention at the nearby Catholic Hospital, Daughters of Charity.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that a mob set the

commercial bus ablaze and beat the driver to an unconscious state before the police arrived at the spot.

It took the personal intervention of the divisional police officer and the traditional chief of the area, Mr. Bulus Yerima, to control the crowd.

An eyewitness said the bus ran over the pupils while they were trying to cross the road adjacent to their school gate.

The eyewitness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the accident was caused by reckless driving on the part of the bus driver.

"The driver was on high speed and was also trying to overtake

another vehicle when he knocked down the children.

Addressing the mob, the DPO appealed to them not to be violent and promised that the police would investigate the accident and take appropriate action.

He advised the people against taking the law into their hands, noting that two wrongs do not make a right.

"We are appealing to you that you should always wait for the police when this type of incident happens as burning the bus and beating up the suspect is totally against the law.

If we had not responded in time, may be this would have degenerated into a serious matter," the DPO stated.

The village chief also appealed to the mob to disperse and leave the matter to the police to handle.

He said he would take the matter up with the Bwari Area Council to ensure that speed breaks were erected on the road to forestall future occurrence.

Commenting on the incident, the FCT Police Command Public Relations Officer, Moshood Jimoh, said the police were on top of the situation.