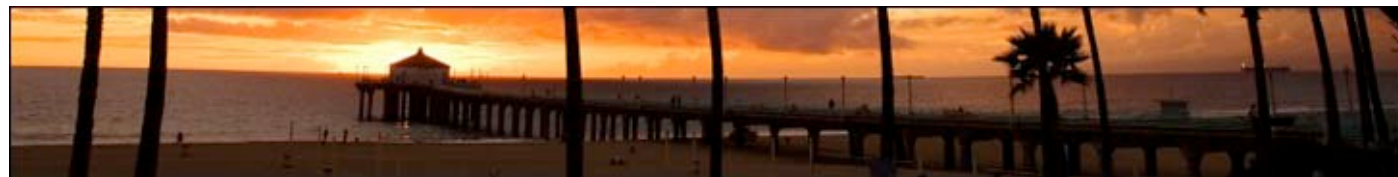


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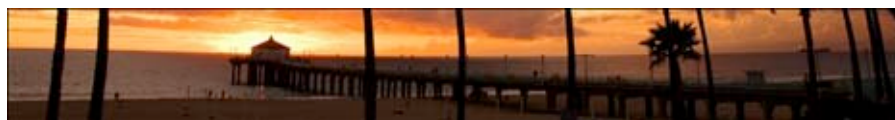
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According to the Public Relations Officer of the Federal Road Safety Commission's (FRSC) in the state, Sa'idu Badamasi, the accident which involved a truck with registration number XF 443 JJN occurred at about 2pm near Assop Falls at Hawan Kibo. He added that the incident was caused by a burst tyre, and that there were 17 people in the vehicle.

Badamasi said the deceased has since been released to his family for Islamic burial while the other victims are currently receiving treatment at the FRSC clinic in Hawan Kibo.

Our correspondent gathered that the truck was conveying perishable items from Farin Gada market to the Southern part of the country when the incident occurred.

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It would be recalled that in January 2009, 11 players and officials of Jimeta United Football Club of Adamawa died on the same Hawan Kibo route on their way to Abuja for a match. Only recently, the National Emergency Management Agency NEMA at a workshop harped on the need for the Federal Government to intervene and rehabilitate the road by expanding it, and to also install street lights to reduce accidents on the road.

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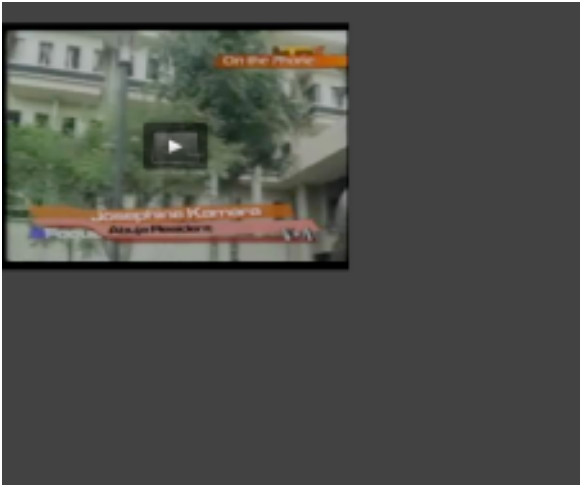
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