

# Newly elected councillor dies in auto crash

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A newly elected councillor representing Gulu/Vatsa ward, in Lapai Local Government Area of Niger State, Adamu Jibrin, Saturday morning died in a ghastly motor accident at Chikara village, along Abuja-Lokoja road.

A co-traveller with the deceased, whose name could not be ascertained, sustained seri-

ous injuries in the crash and was placed on oxygen at Abaji General Hospital.

A witness said the accident occurred at about 10 am, when the councillor, who was driven in a Honda car with registration number FH 189 ABJ, overtook another vehicle and crashed into a Daf truck with registration number XE 550 GME, killing him on the spot.

The witness said the councillor's car ran into a pothole, veered off the road and later collided head-on with the truck.

Our reporter gathered from onlookers that the deceased councillor was last Tuesday inaugurated alongside other elected local government chairmen in Niger State and left for Suleja that fateful day to attend a wedding ceremony at Atsu/Vulegbo vil-

lage, when the incident happened.

Commenting on the incident, Abaji unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Joseph Onyemauche Ezeh, attributed the accident to wrongful overtaking.

He said six persons were involved in the accident. At Abaji General Hospital, a medical doctor said the councillor's remains have been released to his relatives.



SCENE of the accident where a councillor died at Chikara, along Abuja- Lokoja road last Saturday.