Zamfara gov's convoy involved in accident, one cop killed

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A policeman has lost his life while five others sustained various degrees of injuries following a road accident involving the convoy of Zamfara State Governor Abdulaziz Yari Abubakar. *Daily Trust* learnt that the deceased, ASP Ado Yahaya, who was the head of the governor's Special Protection Unit SPU, died instantly in the accident. The accident was said to have occurred at about 4:30pm on Sunday when a camel crossed the Gummi-Sokoto road near Tajiji village while the governor was on his way from Gummi where he had gone to inspect some ongoing road projects. Director of Press and Communication to the governor, Alhaji Nuhu Anka, who was part of convoy, said the SPU vehicle developed a technical fault when a stray camel suddenly crossed the road resulting in the accident. Visibly disturbed, Governor Yari immediately directed his ADC and the medical team to adequately supervise the evacuation of the dead body and the injured persons to Gusau Federal Medical Centre.

24 shipwrecks removed from Nigerian waterways —NPA

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THE Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) has said that 24 shipwrecks that were blocking the country's waterways have recently been removed.

NPA Managing Director Umar Suleiman, who announced this on the occasion to mark this year's World Hydrographic Day, said the recovered wreckages constituted serious security challenges to vessels coming in and out of the country at one time or the other.

HE said the removal had opened up the waterways, making it safer for merchant vessels to come into Nigeria for business, saying there was no cause for alarm since the Nigeria Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) were on top of the situation.

HE also said there was need to carry out investigation on the owners of the vessels, saying some of the wreckages on the various shorelines could be old ships deliberately brought into Nigeria's coast and abandoned.