

33 die in Sokoto, Bauchi road accidents

...43 others injured

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A total of 27 persons lost their lives while 18 others sustained injuries when a trailer loaded with animals lost control and plunged into a river in Sokoto State on Monday. The victims were also on board the ill-fated vehicle.

The road accident took place along Ruwa Wuri - Tangaza road in Sokoto State. Many cows and sheep were also said to have died in the accident.

A witness said the accident occurred on Monday when the driver of the trailer with registration number SOKOTO XA 443 SAA lost control and plunged into a river close to Masallaci village in Tangaza

local government area.

It was learnt that the trailer which was conveying cows and people was coming from Mano village and going to Warri in Delta State. The driver of the trailer and his motor boy were said to have fled.

Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission for Sokoto Dr. Umaru Aliyu confirmed the incident, saying the accident was as a result of over-loading and over-speeding.

Also, six persons died and 25 others were injured in two separate road accidents in Narabi village in Toro local government area along Bauchi-Jos road and Awal Junction in Bauchi metropolis.

Though Bauchi FRSC could not confirm the deaths, villagers in Narabi village said six people died on the spot because of the security check point at the border between Bauchi and Plateau states.



■ From left: Managing Director/CEO, Eterna Oil, Mr. Mahmud Tukur ; Chairman, Mr. Fola Adeola and the Company Secretary/Legal Adviser, Bunmi Agagu, at the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Eterna Oil, which held at Muson Centre, in Lagos yesterday.