

4 die in Abuja-Kaduna, Benin road crashes

From Sunday Isuwa, Kaduna & Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

A man and a woman travelling in a Volkswagen Sharon car along the Abuja-Kaduna highway died yesterday when the car crashed close to the NYSC permanent site in Kaduna.

The two dead passengers were deposited at the St Gerald Hospital in Kakuri, Kaduna.

NEMA's North-West press officer, Baba Ali Muhammad who confirmed the incident said their

officials on surveillance at the Kaduna-Abuja highway evacuated the victims to the St. Gerard Hospital.

"The accident occurred at about 12:47pm not far from the NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Black Gold KM 13 Kaduna-Abuja Expressway. The dead bodies, one male and a female, were deposited at the hospital's morgue by men of the FRSC," he said.

In a related development, two persons were at the weekend burnt beyond recognition at the Oluku end of the Benin bypass following an accident involving a truck and a fuel tanker.

Four others were said to have sustained serious burns and were rushed to the Central Hospital, Benin for medical attention.

The accident occurred when a Mark truck belonging the Dangote Group rammed into a tanker fully loaded with 33,000 litres of fuel, causing a fire that spread to two other trailers.

FRSC officials attributed the crash to wrongful overtaking. The dead victims were deposited at the Benin Central Hospital morgue, according to the Edo State FRSC Commander, Mr. Charles Akpabio.