

Gubio district head, 3 sons die in road crash

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The District Head of Gubio, Alhaji, zannah Usman Zarma, his three sons and three others have died in a car accident at Dazigau, on the Potiskum stretch of the Potiskum-Kano highway.

Daily Trust gathered yesterday that the incident happened around 4pm on Thursday, when the 18-seater bus they were traveling in had tyre burst and somersaulted, killing eight people

and injuring eight others.

Alhaji Mustapha Zannah Usman, one of the sons of the deceased Gubio district head, told our correspondent that the district head was on the entourage of Shehu of Borno along with his four sons to attend Durbar in Kaduna when the accident happened.

"They were 16 in the bus, my father and his three sons died along with four others. Only one of my four brothers travelling with

him survived and he survived with a broken leg," he said.

He said the 84-year-old district head left behind two wives, 26 children and 52 grandchildren.

"It was tragic, but God who loves them most destined it to happen. We appeal that people should pray for their souls to rest in peace and make Jannatul firdaus be their final abode," he said.

Responding, the Yobe State Police Command raised the

alarm over 'increasing wave' of car accidents in the state.

In a Press release made available to *Daily Trust* by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) DSP Jafiya Zubairu, the police said owing to an unacceptable daily increase in fatal vehicular accidents in Yobe State, the command would embark on Operation Velvet II' with effect from Tuesday 19th December to address the problem.

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