Two cops die in Zamfara governor's convoy crash

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Governor Bello Muhammad Mutawalle of Zamfara state

An accident involving the convoy of Zamfara State Governor, Bello Matawalle, claimed the lives of two police personnel attached to him.

Yusuf Idris, the Director-General on Press Affairs to the governor, confirmed the incident in a press statement in Gusau. Mr Idris said the accident occurred along Funtua-Gusau road around 6 p.m. on Thursday.

He said Aminu Usman and Nura Mohammed lost their lives instantly at the scene of the accident. He added that the deceased had escorted the governor to Abuja on a five-day official trip.

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Idris said while they were returning, one of the vehicles in the convoy broke down in Zaria, Kaduna state.

"The two policemen were among the seven persons left behind to oversee the repairs of the broken down vehicle before coming to Gusau. About two hours later, however, the sad news was brought to the governor that those left behind were involved in the crash while driving in a heavy downpour and that the two policemen had died.

"Amidst tears, the governor directed the evacuation of the wounded persons from Funtua General Hospital where they were receiving treatment to a referral hospital for better care under the supervision of the governor's personal physician. The doctor was also directed to update the governor on the progress of the treatment," Mr Idris stated.

He further explained that while one of the victims escaped the accident unhurt, the remaining four sustained injuries.

Mr Idris said the governor had condoled with the families of the deceased and said the state government would pay all medical bill of those hospitalised. (NAN)

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