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Auwal said he saw five dead bodies and the wounded after the trailer finally stopped at the round-about along the Gombe- Bauchi road.

From Muhammad Abubakar, Gombe

Confirming the incident, the sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Mr Fomsuk Hygenus suggested that a crash site be constructed in the state capital which he said was in a valley.

It would be recalled that about two months ago, a tanker carrying petrol crashed and exploded few metres from the Government House, killing two people.

The state governor, Alhaji Danjuma Goje has severally appealed to the federal government to complete the Gombe by-pass, abandoned for many years.