

Eight feared dead in Taraba, Borno auto crashes

EIGHT persons were feared killed in two separate motor accidents at Lankaviri Village of Taraba State along Jalingo-Yola Road and Maiduguri-Damaturu Road near Ngamdu Town in Borno State.

The accident in Taraba State, according to witness account, was caused by the driver of a 504 Peugeot Wagon car while attempting to over-take a truck.

He said: "In an attempt to overtake the trailer, the Peugeot driver went and collided with another vehicle which was also on high speed from Jalingo city".

The wagon, which was conveying nine passengers, was heading for Jalingo, Taraba State capital, from the neighbouring state of Gombe.

Five of the nine passengers, including the driver died at the scene of the accident while other occupants of the car sustained various degree of injuries and are currently receiving treatment at the Jalingo Federal Medical Centre.

In the Borno State accident which occurred yesterday, three persons died when a Mercedes-Benz 200 and a Honda vehicle collid-

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ed on the Maiduguri-Damaturu Road near Ngamdu Town.

The auto-crash, according to a witness, was caused by a large pothole on the highway at about 1.00 p.m. when the driver of the Honda car attempted to avoid it.

While avoiding the pothole, Mallam Sani Inuwa, son of the Secretary of Ashaka Cement Company, Gombe swerved off his lane and crashed into the on-coming Mercedes car, killing two people on the spot.

Out of the three persons in the crashed car, only one survived and was admitted at the Damaturu Specialist Hospital.

Inuwa did not survive the auto-crash and died barely 15 minutes after the two vehicles collided.

Borno State Police Public Relations Officer, Alhaji Admau Azare, confirmed that two vehicles had an accident near Ngamdu at about 1.30 p.m.

He said out of the two passengers and two drivers involved in the accident, only the passenger of the Mercedes Benz survived the auto-crash.