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## 64 die in Easter disasters, farmers' clash

*From Abiodun Fagbemi, Ilorin (with agency reports)*

**T**HE spirits of calamity seem to harbour no respects for sacred seasons.

Or why would an auto accident send 23 souls to their early graves on the eve of Easter Monday in Kwara State, while an inferno will rage among homeless families early yesterday in Poland, claiming 21 lives. Unfortunately, the fate reserved for cattle by human dominance also became the loss of men in the Central African Republic when 20 people were slaughtered in a clash between farmers and traders - over stolen cattle.

Twenty-three people, including four babies, were feared dead on Sunday night in a motor accident at 'Kanbi', Bode Sa'adu, along Ilorin-Jebba Road, Kwara State, when their vehicles travelling in opposite directions had a head-on collision.

The sound of the collision of the two 18-seater buses was said to have been mistaken for a bomb explosion by the residents of the area.

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The sad incident, which according to sources occurred at about 8.00 p.m., was caused by a motorcycle operator who darted in front of one of the vehicles from a bye-pass linking the single lane express road.

In an attempt to avoid the motorbike, the driver of the bus, suspected to be coming from the Northern part of the country, rammed into the other one said to be heading towards the North from the Western side of the country.

Twenty-three people were said to have died in the accident while 10 others sustained various injuries. The motorcycle operator however escaped unhurt.

The remains of the dead passengers had been deposited at an undisclosed mortuary in Jebba, while those with injuries are said to be receiving treatment at different hospitals in the town.

Members of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Jebba Unit Command, however, had a hectic time removing the trapped bodies of the victims from the wreckage.

When The Guardian visited the scene at 9.00 a.m. yesterday, it was littered with foodstuff, shoes and vehicle parts. Although the FRSC Sector Commander in the state, Mr. Yusuf Salami, could not be reached for confirmation of the incident, a senior staff of the command, who pleaded anonymity, confirmed it.

The Bode Sa'adu has recently become notorious for accidents with high death toll. Most of the members of the FRSC patrol teams on the road have attributed

the development to the bad state of the road. The road in question is full of potholes and bends.

And in Poland, a fire described as "fast-moving" swept through a three-storey building housing homeless families in the north-western part of the country early yesterday, killing at least 21 people and injuring 20 more, including an infant, officials said.

"I couldn't breathe, so I opened the window and looked out, and the door was on fire because it was essentially made of paper," a survivor told reporters at the scene in a footage shown on TVN24 television.

The blaze broke out around 1.00 a.m. in a shelter for people waiting for social housing in Kamien Pomorski, 370 miles (600 kilometres) north-west of the Polish capital and near the Baltic Sea coast, said Pawel Fratzczak, a spokesman for Poland's national fire-fighters.

"While searching the building again this morning, we found the bodies of three more people, raising the toll to 21 dead," Fratzczak said.

The injured, many of whom suffered broken bones after jumping out of windows on the upper floors to escape the blaze, were taken to local hospitals. Two people were being treated for burns, including an eight-month-old baby.

Prime Minister Donald Tusk flew to Kamien Pomorski early yesterday to inspect the damage, and promised aid for those who escaped the blaze. Many of the residents had been living at the temporary housing shelter for a long time as they

waited for a permanent apartment in Poland's crowded social housing network.

President Lech Kaczynski declared three days of national mourning to start at midnight, and was also on his way to Kamien Pomorski.

In another development, over 20 people were killed on Sunday when farmers and traders fought over cattle at a livestock market near the capital of the Central African Republic, a hospital official said.

The dispute centred on the ownership of cattle stolen by highway robbers over a week ago but later recovered from the bandits and brought to the market just outside Bangui.

"Twenty-two corpses have been brought to the morgue. This is only a provisional tally as the injured are still arriving," said Joel Nganafei, an official at Bangui's community hospital.

Fernand Koumanda, head of a cattle breeders' association, said the fighting started when some traders at the market claimed that they owned 56 of the 174 beasts, enraging some cattle farmers.

"I've just come from the hospital. The bodies and injured I've seen are horrific. Cracked heads, slit throats, bodies with arrows in them, others riddled with bullets, hacked by machetes. I've never seen anything like it in my life," said Bernadette Sayo, minister for social affairs.

Health Minister Andre Nalke Dorogo appealed on national radio for doctors and health workers to go to the hospital as quickly as possible to try and save lives.

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