

11 feared dead in Taraba auto-crash

*From Charles Akpeji,
Jalingo*

the party's National Chairman, Prince Vincent Ogbulafor, Governor Danjuma Goje of Gombe State, Senator Jubril Aminu, Governor Danbaba Suntai of Taraba State, among others, who ensured the continuation of the exercise.

An eye witness, who spoke with *The Guardian*, said the occupants of the Toyota mini-bus were heading to Jalingo for the rally from Takum, when the driver of the luxury bus said to be

coming from Onitsha ran into the mini-bus due to over-speeding.

Party faithful were in tears as the corpses were conveyed to the Jalingo Specialist Hospital by officers and men of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).

An employee of the FRSC, who took the corpses to the mortuary, said the accident occurred as a result of over-speeding by the luxury bus driver.

"I believe I am not the right person to answer your questions, but on friendly basis, I will tell you that I

have not seen such an accident in this state since I was enlisted into this job.

"The bodies were mutilated. It is horrible my brother. I think the driver of the bigger bus, if properly investigated, must have been sleeping while driving", he said.

Governor Suntai, who from all indications was worried, could not utter a word when he mounted the podium to give his vote of thanks. All that he could say was "Thank you, thank you, thank you".

Among the defector were the former governorship candidates of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP), Prof. Sa'ad Abubakar, Mr. Baba Adi of the Progressive Peoples Alliance (PPA), Group Captain Ibrahim Kefas (rtd) of the National Democracy Party (NDP), erstwhile Minister of Internal Affairs, Dr. Mohammed Shatta, among others.

ly passage of 2010 budget

emphasised as it helps planning purposes, not only by industrial firms, but also indeed by all stakeholders.

Indeed, early passage of the budget would also boost the actualisation of *Vision 20-2020*, he said.

He stated: "A quickening of the budgetary process

Investment (FDI) into the country.

Okolo also stressed that if Nigeria would become one of the 20 most industrialised nations of the world by the 20-2020, the Federal Government must put in place appropriate strategies, directed at

Gombe's panel