

Immigration recruitment tragedy also claimed one life in Jigawa road accident

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THE ill-fated immigration recruitment test, which claimed about 19 lives across the country, also took its toll on Jigawa State with nine of the applicants involved in a ghastly motor accident close to the Federal Secretariat in Dutse.

The accident, which occurred as early as 7:00am on the fateful Saturday, claimed the life of one of the applicants.

The Guardian gathered that the 27-year-old applicant, Ismaila Adamu from Hadejia, died of internal bleeding

caused by head injury at 12: noon the same day.

The accident involved two vehicles, a green Volkswagen Golf car and a green Peugeot 806 bus with their number plates detached.

One of the injured applicants who survived the accident said he was asleep when he heard the bang from the head-on collision of their car with the Peugeot 806.

Another injured applicant in the Peugeot 806 Usman Umar blamed the accident on the Golf car driver who abandoned his lane and decided to drive in the opposite direction to their vehicle with high

speed leading to the collision. When *The Guardian* visited the Rasheed Shekoni Specialist Hospital where the victims

were rushed to for medical attention, some of the injured victims had fractures on their legs and arms with the two

drivers also on hospital beds.

Dr. Emribe Ikhenna who was seen attending to the victims said they would take X-ray

and CT scans because one of them had head injury and other fractures but that was before Adamu passed on.

The Guardian gathered that the Golf was conveying five applicants from Garki Local Council while the Peugeot 806 was conveying four applicants from Hadejia Local Council.

Not less than 3, 971 applicants from Jigawa State sat for the aptitude test for enlistment into the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) over the weekend.

The victims of the accident never had the opportunity to sit for the examination.



The accident scene