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24 burnt to death in Jigawa road crash

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No fewer than 24 people were burnt to death yesterday following a road crash at Gwamfai village, Jahun local government area of Jigawa State. Reports indicated that the accident occurred after the driver of an 18-seater Toyota bus from Jahun to Shuwari market in Kiyawa local government area lost control and bumped into a black market petrol seller by the roadside.

An eyewitness told newsmen that “the driver lost control, ran into a black market petrol seller by the roadside after which the vehicle went up in flames and all the occupants burnt beyond recognition”.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, SP Abdu Jinjiri, confirmed the incident, but said he is yet to get details of the exact cause and casualties of the accident.



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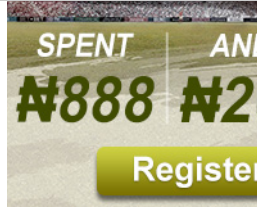
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Media aide to the Jigawa State governor, Auwal Sankara, also confirmed the incident, saying it happened while Governor Muhammad Badaru Abubakar was on his way to Gumel. Sankara added that the governor instructed the local council chairman to ensure he assists the families of the deceased.

It would be recalled that on February 24, 2020, the police in Jigawa revealed 119 people were killed while 223 others got injured in motor accidents across the state in 2019. The Commissioner of Police, Usman Sule Gomna, made this known while briefing newsmen at the command headquarters in Dutse.

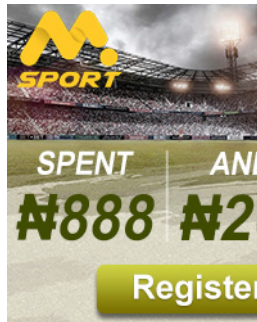
He said 213 cases of accident were recorded from January to December 2019. "Some accident victims got burnt beyond recognition while others died as a result of varying degrees of injuries," he stated.

Gomna explained that out of the number recorded during the period under review, 97 were fatal cases, 65 serious cases while 51 were minor cases. The commissioner said most of the accidents were recorded as a result of drivers' dangerous overtaking and overloading.



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