

Wunti FC Lose Five Players In Auto Crash

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It was a black day for the National Amateur Division 1 side, Wunti Football Club of Bauchi, as five of their regular players died in a ghastly motor accident on their way to honour a football match with BON FC of Kano.

Disclosing this to *Daily Independent*, the State Director of Sports, Haruna Bako, explained that 11 others sustained serious injuries and are

currently receiving medical attention at the Specialist Hospital, Bauchi.

Narrating what happened, the Coach of the Team, Baba Jibrin, who was involved in the accident, but surprisingly came out without any injury, explained that they left Bauchi for Kano on Monday morning for the match scheduled for 2 pm on the same day.

He said about 15 kilometres into the journey, the driver, who was moving at top speed to meet the schedule, lost control and the

vehicle somersaulted several times.

Among the players that died were Babeto Adamu, Jibril Abdul, Murtala Zakari, Manga Mohammed and Ubale Maidawa.

As result of this sad development, all football matches involving Bauchi teams – Wikki FC, Wunti FC and Zagbai FC – have been temporarily suspended.

The Chairman of the state's football association, Aminu Maigari, disclosed to

newsmen that the state government has declared 10 days of mourning for the dead players. He noted that the death of the players was a shock to the people of the state and the mourning period is a mark of respect for the deceased players.

It would be recalled that a similar road accident in 2003 claimed the lives of nine Zagbai FC players on their return journey from a match with Kogi Teachers FC, which they won to gain promotion to the Pro-League II.