

Accident Claims 23 Lives In Yobe

General Hospital Potiskum, in Yobe State was a beehive of activities on Monday as parents, Guardians and families trooped the premises to trace the bodies of their loved ones, following a trailer accident that involves 53 passengers in which 23 people died.

An eye witness who is also a spare driver of the trailer told *Daily Independent* in an interview that the Trailer with registration number

Gombe AA582 FKY had the accident as a result of engine failure while in motion which led to its loss of control thus causing the accident.

According to him the Trailer was carrying bags of Cement with 53 Passengers mostly women, men and children on its way to Kano from Ashaka cement factory. It was alleged to have stopped at Potiskum to carry the passengers on top of the bags of cement.

When *Daily Independent* visited the general hospital Potiskum where the casualties were kept, the mortuary attendant told us that 23 people were confirmed dead while the remaining are currently receiving treatment at the surgical ward of the hospital.

This type of accident is not uncommon in the area as people of low income earnings have now resorted to boarding trailers and lorries for carrying goods instead of passengers.