

# Auto Crash Claims 23 In Zamfara

No fewer than 23 persons died while 16 others sustained serious injuries in a ghastly auto accident on the Talata-Mafara-Gusau road.

The accident occurred on Wednesday in Gidan-Kano, Talata-Mafara Local Government Area of Zamfara.

An eyewitness, Malam

Yusuf Mafara, said the accident happened when an articulated vehicle carrying cattle and passengers skidded off the road and somersaulted.

Mafara said the driver tried to control the vehicle on approaching a narrow and sharp bend before he skidded off the road. He

said 20 people died on the spot while three other persons died in the hospital.

The Public Relations Officer of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Malam Kabiru Musa, confirmed the incident.

He said the 16 injured persons were being treated at the Talata-Mafara Gen-

eral Hospital.

According to him, the vehicle was on its way to the southern part of the country when the accident occurred.

He regretted that even though the commission had tried to ensure sanity on the highways, road accidents were still on the increase.