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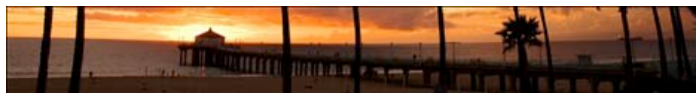
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[Nigeria: Auto Crash Claims ANPP Chief, Clerics in Dapchi](#)

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Damaturu — Supporters of All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) in Yobe State are mourning the Geidam Local Government ANPP Chairman, Modu Mustapha, and two Islamic clerics, who died in an auto accident at the weekend.

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They were travelling to Damaturu, the state capital, for an official engagement.

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The accident occurred at Dapchi, Headquarters of Bursari Local Government Area, 100 kilometres north of the state capital, when the driver of the Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) of the chairman lost control of the vehicle and collided with an on-coming truck loaded with goods to an undisclosed destination.

According to eyewitness, Modu Hassan, the cause of the auto crash was as a result of "reckless driving and dangerous over-taking" near the Dapchi Bridge, stressing that the drivers of the SUV and truck had a head-on-collision.

Confirming the crash and killing of the ANPP officials and other members, the Yobe State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Mohammed Padah, said the crash occurred at the weekend when one of drivers lost control of the vehicle, while attempting to overtake near a bridge.

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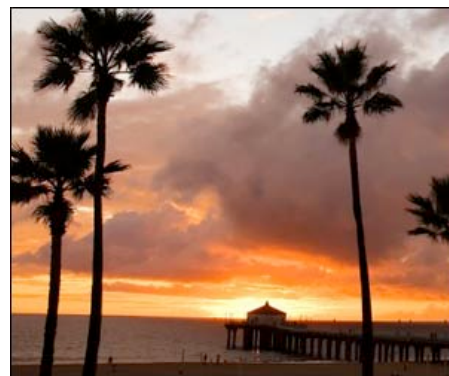
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He said the bodies of the council ANPP chairman and clerics had been deposited at the Sani Abacha Specialists Hospital, Damaturu before the families and party officials prepare to pick and carry the bodies for burials, according to Islamic rites.

Mustapha survived with a wife and nine children before the tragedy struck. Governor Ibrahim Gaidam has already consoled the families of the deceased, praying the Al-mighty God to give the family members and people of Geidam the fortitudes to bear the irreparable loss.

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