

12 Labour Party members die in Plateau auto crash

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TRAGEDY struck on Thursday in Barakin-Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State when 12 people died in a ghastly motor accident involving a Nissan Bus and a Ford bus at Kassa highway, opposite Redemption Camp of the Redeemed Christian Church of God in the council area.

The Nissan bus, marked XB 910 DAL, was said to be coming from Kaduna and heading for Mangu local government for a burial ceremony while the Ford bus, with registration number XE653 JJN, was from Bokkoss local government and heading towards Jos, the state capital.

Daily Independent gathered from the scene of the accident that some of the occupants of the Ford bus were members of the Labour Party from Bokkos on their way to a gubernatorial rally of the party at the polo ground in Jos.

An eyewitness told *Daily Independent* at the scene of the accident that the Ford bus, which was on a top speed, suddenly had a burst tyre and while the driver was trying to control the vehicle, it ran into the Nissan bus coming in an opposite direction, causing a head on coalition.

It was gathered that nine people from both vehicles died, on the spot while others sustained various degree of injuries, while another three gave up the ghost on their way to the hospital.