

19 Die, Seven Injured In Kano Auto Crash

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A total of 19 people died on Sunday evening while seven others sustained injuries when four vehicles collided at Dinyar Madiga village few kilometres from Takai town in Kano State. Corps Commander Zubairu Mato, the Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), told newsmen in Kano on Monday that the accident occurred about 06:01p.m. "On receiving the information, we quickly dispatched our personnel and vehicle to the scene of the incident to rescue the victims," Mato said. He said that collision involved four vehicles; a bus belonging to Kano Line Mass Transit, a Sharon, Golf and Honda Civic coming from opposite directions. "The victims who lost their lives included 14 male adults, three female adults, two male children while seven were injured", he said. Mato attributed the accident, which involved 26 persons, to speed limit violation and bad state of the road. According to him, the accident occurred when the drivers were dodging potholes which led to loss of control. He said the victims were evacuated to Takai General Hospital where the doctor on duty confirmed 19 dead while the remaining seven victims were currently receiving treatment. He appealed to motorists to obey traffic regulations so as to stay alive and minimise accidents on the road.

Ijegun Pipeline Explosion: 10 Victims Die In Hospital — Lagos Govt

Meanwhile, the Lagos State government said on Monday that 10 victims of the July 4 Ijegun pipeline explosion have died due to severe and high degree burns suffered from the inferno. The Permanent Secretary, state Ministry of Health, Dr. Titilayo Goncalves, made this known on Monday in Lagos.

Goncalves said that three of the victims died at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), Ikeja while seven died at Gbagada General Hospital.

According to her, out of the 22 victims rescued by the Lagos State Ambulance Service (LASAMBUS), nine were taken to LASUTH, 12 to Trauma and Burns Unit of Gbagada General Hospital and one to Alimosho General Hospital.

"Unfortunately, due to the high degree of burns suffered by these victims which is almost at 100 percent, we lost 10 of them.

"But we are doing everything possible to ensure that no other life is lost and we will continue to do all in our might to provide intensive care for the remaining and from reports received they are responding to treatment.

"Treatment of victims with high percentage of burns requires intensive care and management which should follow some treatment protocol.

"This is why I am appealing to families of the victims to be calm and cooperate with our health workers as they care for their loved ones," she said.

The permanent secretary said in a statement that the state government had so far expended over N10 million on the care of the victims.

She assured that the survivors were receiving adequate and quality care at the designated government facilities free of charge.

"Victims of the inferno are being provided with adequate and quality care in our facilities free of charge in line with Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's directive.

"Also, they are being closely monitored and cared for by our specialists to ensure their full recovery and rehabilitation", Goncalves said.

Also, the Chief Medical Director, LASUTH, Dr. Adetokunbo Fabamwo, said that the hospital and its annex, the Trauma and Burns Unit, Gbagada General Hospital, were providing the necessary care and support needed to aid the victims' quick recovery.

"LASUTH alone has expended about six million naira so far to cover laboratory investigations, X-rays, consumables and medications.

"In fact, one of the patients was treated with silver patches costing N350,000," he said.

He added that daily on-the-spot assessments were being conducted by specialists in burns and trauma to ensure that the victims were rehabilitated in line with treatment protocol for burns.

"I want to assure families of the victims that their loved ones will receive the best care possible and we will ensure availability of medical and other supplies throughout the period of their