

# 14 killed in road crash

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**D**EATH on the road. It was a moving sight: men's naked bodies, flat dead on the ground, faces covered with their shirts.

No fewer than 14 people were killed yesterday in a road accident involving two vehicles trying to escape a robbery few kilometers away from Lafia, Nasarawa State.

One of the vehicles, a luxury bus be-

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longing to Benue State Transport Service (Benue Links), was heading for Jos. The other, a J5 bus, was on its way to Makurdi when the accident occurred near Duduguru, about 12 kilometers from the Nasarawa State Capital, Lafia.

The armed robbers were said to have shot at the luxury bus, causing one of the tyres to burst. The driver lost control of the

vehicle, which sped head-on into the J5 which also was trying to avoid it. The 14 passengers died on the spot.

The Federal Road Safety was immediately called in for a rescue operation after the robbers had bolted.

A survivor who was receiving medical attention at the Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital in Lafia blamed the incident on the robbery that took place at about 1 p.m.