

# Road crash kills 12 students in Kogi

• Injures 19 others

**I**T was another black Saturday for the people of Lokoja the Capital City of Kogi State, when an 18-seater Hiace Bus conveying 31 secondary school students for an escort to the high maintain of Mount Patti crashed along the mountain road.

Some of the students, according to *The Nation* checks, met their end when the speedy bus lost control as it was descending from the mountain nosed dived into a valley killing instantly 11 students.

According to the bus conductor, Mr. Christian, who said that he has to jump out of the bus when he noticed that the bus failed break, said the children had to lap on the bus.

Christian confirmed that the bus driver was speeding down the mountain when he lost control. He put off the vehicle ignition in a desperate attempt to salvage the situation, but was too late.

A doctor at the Lokoja Federal Medical Centre, Idhu Joseph, said the hospital received 20 injured students but lost one during treatment.

Idhu confirmed further that 19 are already receiving treatment adding that some of the students had broken hands and legs.

It was gathered that the Principal of the Secondary claimed not to be aware of the students venture to the mountain. But it was however gathered that some members of the Youths Service corp under the name Coppers Tourism club led the student to the mountain without the knowledge of



• Mrs Abosede Oyewemimo Adewole, receiving Fellowship Award from Prof. Abimaje Akpa, Fellow, member of the Institute of Treasury Management at the Institute Induction Mandatory Continuous Professional Training Programme at Abuja.

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## From Mohammed Bashir Lokoja

the Principal and parents

The student it was learnt did not converged at the school premises as they left their home in school and join the copper to Mount Patti with excitement. The corp members didn't travel with the students on the same bus.

Mount Patti is 1500 high above the sea level.

Meanwhile the state governor Alhaji Ibrahim Idris has set up investigation committee to look into the cause of the incidence.

The governor while consoling parents and relatives of the victim at the Lokoja Federal medical promised to get to the root of the calamity.

He however asked the people to accept whatever God has destined as he gives and takes.

The governor assured the people that the state government will take charge of every cost while those whose conditions were critically beyond the medical can be transfer to a high medical institution all at the government expense.

Idris, who was visibly moody, expressed sadness over the incidence describing it as most unfortunate to the families, the state and the country in general.