

Sokoto varsity mourns two students

THE 2017/18 academic session began at the Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto (UDUS), on a tragic note. It was all tears at the Departments of Mathematics and Agriculture on Sunday when news of the death of two students broke.

Bilyaminu Adamu, a 200-Level Mathematics student, and Aliyu Muhammad, a 300-Level Agricultural Science student, died in a road crash on their way back to school after three months break. The bus conveying them to Sokoto was involved in an accident with two other vehicles. The accident occurred around 7:30 pm at Shagari Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

CAMPUSLIFE gathered that another UDUS student, whose name could not be ascertained, is in critical condition with his mother at the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital (UDUTH). It was learnt that the student and his mother had multiple fractures. The bus driver is also said to be in critical condition.

The bus was said to have collided with a firewood-laden pick-up which attempted to overtake another vehicle. Many were injured in the multiple accident.

CAMPUSLIFE gathered that Aliyu died on the spot; Bilyaminu passed on while being rushed to the hospital.

Aliyu's body was returned to Maru Village, his hometown in Zamfara State, on January 22 for burial.

Members of the school management team and students gathered for the *Janazah* (burial

prayer) for the late Bilyaminu at the UDUS' cemetery.

Students and lecturers prayed for the repose of the victims' souls. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academics, Prof A.G. Yahaya, and his counterpart in Administration, Prof M. I. Saheed, led top management members to the funeral.

A senior lecturer simply identified as Dr. Gambo, who led the *Janazah*, prayed for the repose of the souls of the departed students, noting that death was an inevitable end.

In his short sermon, Gambo said: "Allah has decreed that every soul must taste death and it will surely meet us, whether we prepare for it or not. Death comes without any prior notice. We must be preparing for it by performing noble deeds and shunning acts of trans-

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