Two die in Zamfara gov's convoy accident





An accident involving the convoy of Governor Bello Matawalle of Zamfara State has claimed the lives of two police personnel attached to him.

Dead are Police Inspector, Aminu Usman and Sgt. Nura Mohammed.

Yusuf Idris, the Director-General on Press Affairs to the governor said in Gusau, the State capital that the accident occurred on the Funtua/Gusau road at about 6pm on Thursday.

Idris said that the deceased had escorted the governor to Abuja on a five day official trip.

Idris said that while they were returning with the governor, one of the vehicles in the convoy broke down in Zaria, Kaduna State.

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He said: "The two policemen were among the seven persons left behind to oversee the repairs of the broken down vehicle before coming to Gusau.

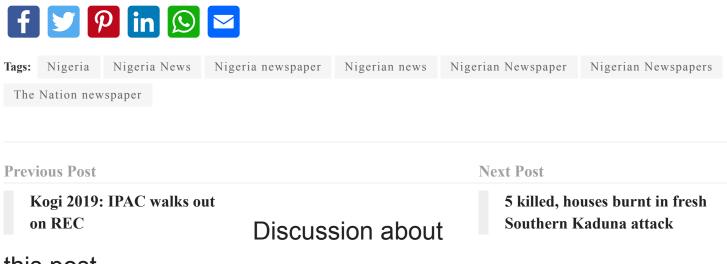
"About two hours later, however, the sad news was brought to the governor that those left behind were involved in the crash while driving in a heavy downpour and that the two policemen had died.

"Amidst tears, the governor directed the evacuation of the wounded persons from Funtua General Hospital where they were receiving treatment to a referral hospital for better care under the supervision of the governor's personal physician.

"The doctor was also directed to update the governor on the progress of the treatment."

He further explained that while one of the victims escaped the accident unhurt, the remaining four sustained varying degree of injuries.

Idris said the governor had condoled with the families of the deceased and said the state government would pay all medical bill of those hospitalized.



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