

18 persons die in Kebbi accident

• 16 cows invovled

EIGHTEEN persons and 16 cows died in an accident in Malisa village, Gwandu Local Government Area of Kebbi State. Forty-two others sustained injuries.

A statement by the police spokesperson, Nafiu Abubakar, said the accident involved a truck (SRP 442 XA) conveying passengers and cows, from Illela Local Government Araa of Sokoto State, and heading for Lagos State. The driver however, lost control on getting to Malisa junction, and the truck fell down.

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On receiving the distress call, a police team led by the Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Kontagora, rushed to the scene, and evacuated the victims to General Hospital, Gwandu, where 18 persons were confirmed dead. The remaining victims are being treated in the hospital.

Kontagora also prayed for the departed souls to have eternal rest, and their families to have the fortitude to bear the loss.