## Immigration mourns death of four personnel



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The Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) yesterday said four of its personnel died in an accident on the Kano/Zaria Expressway. Seven others are receiving treatment at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano.

The Service declared three days of mourning throughout its formations and stations across the country, while its flags would fly at half masts for seven days.

The personnel were returning from attending the Presidential Commissioning and Passing-Out-Parade of the 48th Superintendent Basic Course of the NIS in Kano State, which held on Saturday.

Acting Comptroller-General of the NIS, Mrs. Wura-Ola Adepoju, while addressing reporters at the headquarters, said the Service was deeply pained by the loss. She condoled with the bereaved families, saying 'this has been a deeply distressing and sorrowful moment for all of us within the Nigeria Immigration Service'.

Mrs. Adepoju, who spoke through the NIS spokesperson, Dotun Aridegbe, said: "Yesterday (November 12), 11 of our personnel were returning to Abuja from an official assignment in Kano, in an 18-seater official bus. Tragically, they were involved in a ghastly accident a few kilometers from Kano.

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"Unfortunately, four of them died. This has been a deeply distressing and sorrowful moment for all of us in the Nigeria Immigration Service. Seven of them who were injured are receiving treatment at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital in Kano. Our thoughts and prayers are with them for a swift and complete recovery. Burial arrangement is on with utmost care and respect."

While announcing that the Service stands firmly with those left behind by their breadwinners, Mrs. Adepoju said an immediate investigation has been ordered to ascertain the remote cause of the accident.

"We are committed to understanding the circumstances that led to this tragic event and will take appropriate measures to prevent a recurrence. Our flags will fly at half mast at all our commands and formations for the next seven days. We will observe a three-day mourning period in honour and memory of our fallen colleagues."