

4 JIGAWA PDP SUPPORTERS DIE IN AUTO CRASH

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A GHASTLY motor accident involving the Jigawa State contingent to the just concluded presidential campaign launch of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) occurred, killing four persons with several others sustaining various degree of injuries.

The accident which occurred on Zaria-Kano road, was said to have claimed the lives of

the driver and one other person on the spot, while others died at the hospital.

The vehicle a chartered 'Young Shall Grow' bus which

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was conveying the party supporters back crashed into a stationary truck, an eye witness told newsmen.

One Malam Saidu told newsmen that he saw the victims at Ijora motor park in Lagos the previous evening boarding the bus on their way back to Kano after they had attended the campaign launch.

He said he had even made an attempt to board the bus when he was told that it was chartered for Kano which compelled him to board another one which took off just after the former.

Unfortunately, according to Saidu, when his bus arrived the scene, he found out that the passengers in the bus were unconscious while

bloodspilled all over the place.

When contacted, the Organising Secretary of Jigawa State PDP, Alhaji Abba Anas Adamu confirmed to *New Nigerian* the reality of the accident, saying however that the contingent inside the bus was made up of those from Kirikasamma Local Government area of the state.

He said, one died instantly and the other died at the Dala Orthopedic Hospital in Kano because he had sustained multiple fracture Monday morning.

He further said those who did not sustain fractures were taken to an unidentified hospital in

Zaria from the scene of the accident.

As at the time of filing this

report, the bodies of the victims were being conveyed to their respective country homes in the state.

The Police Public Relations Officer in charge of Kano Command, DSP Baba Mohammed was not available for comment on the incident as his office line rang several times with nobody to pick it.

In a related development, armed robbers attacked another PDP contingents from Dutse Local Government on their way to Lagos to attend the presidential campaign launch of Governor 'Yar'adua.

New Nigerian learnt on authority that the victims were dispossessed of their money by the men of the under world. However, no death was recorded.