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*From MAGAJI HUNKUYI,  
Jalingo*

**N**O fewer than 25 **Nokada** operators were killed in auto crash along Jalingo-Gombe road at the week-end.

The victims, all indigenes of Gombe State were traveling to their home state after relocating out of Jalingo following the ban by Taraba State government from plying some

major roads in the state capital.

Aged between 25 and 30 years, they were said to have sold their motorcycles before relocating out of the town, but died instantly when the bus in which they were travelling was involved in a fata road accident a few kilometers to Numan in Adamawa State.

A brother of one of the victims, Musa Nafada told our reporter in Jalingo that his brother along with 24 other

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## RAMADAN MESSAGE

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Fasting is a type of worship that draws one closer to Allah. Allah has prescribed it to purify the soul and to train it in good deeds. The fasting person must be on guard against any act that may cause him to lose the benefits of his fast. Thus, his fast will increase his God-consciousness, and Allah says in the Qur'an: "O you who believe, fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you perchance you may attain God consciousness."

Fasting is not just refraining from eating and drinking, but it is also refraining from

## — Auto crash —

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okada operators died instantly when their vehicle was involved in an accident along Jalingo-Gombe road.

He said the victims decided to relocate out of Jalingo to Gombe following the ban placed on them by the Taraba state government from plying some major roads in Jalingo.

Meanwhile, the Sector Commander of Federal Road Safety Commission in the state, Mallam Hussaini Mohammed has said since the ban, some major roads in the state capital one week ago, only one accident involving a motorcycle was recorded.

He said before the ban, between 10 to 15 cases of accidents were recorded in the state capital on daily basis.

Malam Hussaini said the ban

may be painful for some people, but it was done to save the lives of people as one of the primary responsibilities of the government.

The sector commander said the state government has increased the number of taxis plying the roads which okada operators were banned from operating onto 140 apart from over 500 private vehicles.

He said gradually the operations of the taxis would be improved and the people would come to realize that the taxis are the best transport system than the motorcycles in term of safety.

Malam Hussaini said arrangement is on to provide helmets and reflective shirts for okada operators plying other roads to make them more organized and responsible.