

Governor Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa of Kaduna State (right) signing his certificate of return as governor-elect at Kaduna INEC office yesterday while the National Commissioner in charge of Kaduna, Niger and FCT, Dr. Chris Iyemoga assisted.

7 die in Lagos-Ibadan road mishap

From RAYMOND
TEDUNJAYE, Lagos

NO fewer than seven people travelling along Lagos-Ibadan expressway were killed in a multiple motor accident that involved twelve vehicles including four petrol tankers in the early hours of yesterday.

Other commuters who were involved in the accident and sustained fatal injuries have been taken to nearby hospitals for medical attention.

Eyewitness account said that the driver of one of the petrol tankers that was involved in the accident was on speed and could not control the vehicle but rammed into another tanker packed at road side in Mowe axis of the highway, Ogun state.

According to source, "The petrol tanker hit one of the trailers packed at the road side near Mountain of Fire Church in Mowe and was immediately went aflame. Other vehicles including three Hiace buses and five cars going to Ibadan and East ran into the accidents and hit themselves".

"The flame also spread to them which caused the death of seven people on the spot, while several other passengers, some tanker drivers and motor-boys who were sleeping under their vehicles suffered high degree burn", he narrated.

It was also gathered that the

remains of the dead people have been moved to Lagos General Hospital, while those who sustained injuries were taken to nearby hospitals for medical attention.

The accident, as at the time of filing this report caused a traffic hold-up at the highway where motorists are diverted to make use of other side of the expressway to ease the congestion.

The Special Adviser to Governor Babatunde Raji Fashola on Transportation, Mr. Kayode Opeifa who confirmed the accident said that only three people was

dead from his report while the injured people have been evacuated by the Lagos State Ambulance service bus (LASAMBUS) to government hospital for medical attention.

He noted that although, the accident occurred in Ogun state parts of the highway, "But this is a matter of live and death that involved human being and I have to directed the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) and LASAMBUS to go there and

assist the victims and traffic".

Meanwhile, it was reported that another ghastly multiple motor accident occurred yesterday morning at Ahoyaya area of Lekki area of Lagos involving school children and some women.

Although, no death was yet to be recorded, but several people including the school children was said to have suffered injuries and have been taken to the Lagos General Hospital for medical attention.

Abubakar tasks transition on dev

From MOHAMMED
MUNIRAT NASIR, Gusau

TO ensure smooth transition of power on 29th May, 2011, Zamfara state Governor-elect, Alhaji AbdulAziz Yari Abubakar has charged the 72-member Transition Committee headed by a renowned politician Senator Saidu Mohammed Dansadau to work tirelessly to bring about meaningful development to the state.

The committee which has been broken into 16 sub-committees comprising of 10 technical and 6 ceremonial sub-committees is charged

with the responsibilities of ensuring smooth handing over ceremony in the state.

The five terms of reference for the committee include adequate preparation for handing over, to liaise with the state government committee with a view to verify submitted documents, to verify status of uncompleted projects in the state, to verify assets and liability and finances of the state government and any other matter arising from handing over and taking over exercise.

Yari represented by the deputy governor-elect,

Mallam Ibrahim Wakala Mohammed while inaugurating the 72 man committee, charged them to work assiduously with same commitment up by the outgoing government to ensure that justice is made to both the outgoing and incoming administrations when declaring government assets and liabilities.

Yari tasked the committee to ensure that nothing was left on assets belonging to the state and Liabilities left behind and to arrange for a colourful handing