

# Yuletide: Infant, 4 others die in road accidents in Adamawa

THE Adamawa State Command of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) has confirmed the death of five people including an infant in various road crashes during the Christmas and New Year periods.

Mr Mohammed Kabo, Head of Operations of the command, told *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*, on Thursday, in Yola, that the deaths were unfortunate but avoidable.

"From December 23, 2013 to January 1, 2014, five people including an infant lost their lives while 28 sustained different degrees of injuries," Kabo said.

He said that the deaths were recorded in 16 different road accidents during the period under review which involved 24 vehicles across the state.

According to the head of operations, Hong and Numan local government areas had the highest number of accidents and casualties during the period.

He advised road users in the state to always obey road traffic rules and regulations for their safety and that of other road users.

## INEC should learn from Yobe LG poll —APC

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THE All Progressives Congress (APC) has hailed Yobe State governor, Ibrahim Geidam, as well as the entire people of the state for the peaceful and hitch-free conduct of the state's local government election on December 28, 2013.

In a statement issued in Lagos, on Thursday, by its Interim National Publicity Secretary, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, the party called on INEC to borrow a leaf from the Yobe State Independent Electoral Commission on how to organise elections, having allegedly bungled the two elections conducted by it in Delta and Anambra states recently.

The party said it was not only delighted that the

APC swept the polls, but that the election, which was observed by many NGOs and the chairmen of 15 State Independent Electoral Commissions, among others, was widely adjudged to have been free, fair and credible, in addition to witnessing a huge turnout of voters.

It said coming at a time that INEC and its alleged paymasters had started flying their kite of shame of a possible non-conduct of general elections in the state as well as the two others under a state of emergency in 2015, the successful local government polls had shown that the only impediment to the conduct of elections in the states is a Federal Government that allegedly has ulterior motives and one that is

mortally afraid of its own shadows, as well as an allegedly conniving INEC that is independent only in name.

The party said it was particularly remarkable that the people of the state turned out in large numbers, without a single report of election-related or any other violence during, immediately, before and after the election.

"With what has happened in the Yobe local government election, it stands to reason and logic that any other election in the state will attract an equally-massive turnout, if not more, and that the people of the state are determined to ensure the survival of democracy and to seize the initiative from a few die-hard insurgents prancing the state."

The Governor also stated that January 11th