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15 die in Zamfara auto crash ◆As police confirm two dead in renewed Benue attack

Fifteen people, mostly students, died in a ghastly motor accident along Kaura Namoda/ Gusau Federal Highway in Zamfara State on Friday night.

Eyewitnesses told Sunday Tribune that most of the deceased persons were students, who were billed to write the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) on Saturday.

"About 10 of the deceased were students, while the remaining five were small children," he stressed.

Commenting further, sources revealed that the accident occurred around Kyambarawa on a sharp blend after an oncoming Volkswagen Golf from Shinkafi collided with a Volkswagen Sharon space bus, believed to be coming from Kaduna.

Findings revealed that 10 people were seriously injured and were taken to the General Hospital in Kaura Namoda.

When contacted, the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Alhaji Garba confirmed the incident but warned motorists to desist from over speeding.

In another development, the police in Benue have confirmed that two persons were killed in renewed attacks by suspected Fulani herdsmen against Tiv farmers in three communities in Logo Local Government Area of Benue State on Friday.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Daniel Ezeala, told the News Agency of Nigeria that the suspects laid siege on Tse Chembe, Ifer and Tse-Gundu communities, saying that two persons lost their lives in the attack, which lasted for hours in the early hours of the day.

However, witnesses said the attack, which lasted for at least six hours, left five people dead.

The communities are located along the Anyiin/Wukari road, near the hometown of Governor Gabriel Suswam.

A media aide to the governor, Joseph Anawah, said the invaders killed and maimed as well as looted the property of their victims.

Mr. Anawah explained that the insurgents came in two groups and used different routes to invade the villages, saying: "One group came through Ikapa-Tse Gundu road to attack Chembe village. The other group emerged from a farm route and came out at Achive, where they mounted a road block along Anyiin- Wukari road", he said

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