



Israel Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr Uriel Palti (right), with Kenya's High Commissioner to Nigeria, Mr Tom Amolo, during the 67th Independence Day anniversary of the State of Israel, in Abuja. PHOTO: NAN.

13 die in Bauchi auto accident

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THIRTEEN people at the weekend lost their lives in an accident which occurred at Busuri Village on the Bulkachuwa-Dambam road, in Bauchi State while five others sustained varying degree of injuries in the accident.

The accident, it was gathered, occurred last Friday at about 8:45p.m. when a Toyota Hiace bus had head on collision with an Iveco truck, which was coming from opposite direction.

According to a statement made available to journalists on Sunday by the Bauchi State Police Command Public Relations Officer, Haruna Mohammed, "On the 29/05/2015, at about 20:45hrs, there was a head on collision at Busuri Village along Bulkachuwa-Dambam road, Bauchi, involving a Blue Toyota model F Hiace bus with registration number AQ 79 AKR (Ondo), driven by one Sule Abubakar, male and 28 years of Bulkachuwa town, Bauchi State and a White Iveco truck with registration number XBOX 907 GWL (Kano).

According to the police, the accident occurred when the vehicles, coming from opposite directions, suddenly collided.

The police spokesman informed that patrol team attached to Azare Division of the command rushed to the scene of the accident and evacuated the victims to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Azare, for medical

attention.

The PPRO, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), stated that it was at the hospital that 13 persons, including the driver of the Toyota bus, were certified dead by a medical doctor.

He added that the remains of the deceased were deposited at the mortuary of the hospital for

post-mortem examination, while those with injuries were receiving treatment.

DSP Mohammed informed that those identified among the deceased were Sule Abubakar (28) of Bulkachuwa; Buba Shuaibu (30) of Doleri village; Ibrahim Mohammed (25) of Busuri; Yusuf Busuri (17) of Busuri and Sadik Bello (20) of Busuri.

Kashamu thanks Nigerians for support

THE Senator-elect for Ogun East Senatorial District, Buruji Kashamu, has expressed his gratitude to Nigerians who stood by him during his ordeal with operatives of the Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA).

Kashamu's Lagos residence had been besieged by over two dozen of the operatives of the NDLEA penultimate Saturday to effect his arrest on the ground that the United States of America had officially requested for his extradition over his alleged involvement in heroin trafficking in the 1990s.

In a statement issued

on Sunday, Kashamu said, "I wish to express my profound gratitude to the Almighty Allah, the media, the judiciary, civil society organisations, student and professional groups and other public-spirited Nigerians home and abroad, who stood by me during the six-day siege laid to my Lagos residence by operatives of the NDLEA."

He also apologised to his neighbours at Lekki Phase One for the inconveniences they were subjected to as a result of the barricade mounted on the street by the NDLEA operatives.

The senator-elect who

said he was rushed to a private hospital after the NDLEA operatives were withdrawn from his house because of the spike in both his blood pressure and sugar level, said he planned to address the media on his ordeal once he was fit enough to do that.

He stated, "Although, I plan to address the media, Nigerians and the whole world on my present travails and the intricate web of politics and manoeuvring that led to it soon, I cannot wait to say thank you to all those who stood by me through the six dark days and nights."