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## 1 dies, 20 injured in accident involving minister's convoy

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A gloomy atmosphere enveloped Pantami Stadium in Gombe, venue of the National Unity Congress of the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) on Saturday following a ghastly auto accident involving the convoy of the Minister of Youth and Sports, Solomon Dalung claiming one life with several others seriously injured.

Youths from all States of the federation including Abuja had converged in Gombe state since Thursday for the national congress that was last held several years ago because of a lingering leadership tussle.

Reports have it that the accident occurred around 11:45 am Saturday at Akko village along Gombe-Bauchi Highway while the minister was heading into Gombe from the airport.

It was reported that 20 victims of the accident had various degrees of injuries with seven of them taken to the Federal Teaching Hospital, (FTH) Gombe while 13 were taken to the Gombe State Specialist Hospital for treatment depending on the degree of the injuries.

An eyewitness, Sunday Jika, while narrating how the incident happened said that a Peugeot 406 car driven in confusion due to the blaring

of horns by the Minister's convoy veered off the road and had a head-on collision with the minister's SUV before ramming in to another bus in the convoy.

Jika also said that the Peugeot 406 was immediately gutted by fire while rescuers saved the lives of three people on the scene of the accident. However, the driver lost his life because he was said to have been trapped by the steering wheel.