

Nasarawa APC deputy chairman, two other delegates die in auto crash

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TRAGEDY occurred in Keana Local Government Area of Nasarawa State on Tues-

day as the deputy chairman and two women leaders of All Progressives Congress (APC) in the council died in an auto crash after the state

governorship primaries.

The incident took place at Deddare, a development area of Obi Local Government Area of the state.

The APC chairman in the local government area, Abraham O. Ishaleku, who confirmed that about 10 people were involved in the accident, said three persons died, while six others sustained injuries.

"In fact, we have lost great personalities in this accident. This happened after the governorship primaries election and we were to meet with Governor Tanko Al-Makura in Obi council, in preparation for his senatorial ambition.

"On our way, one of the utility vehicles conveying delegates from Madaki and Gadima wards in Giza town lost control. My deputy and two women leaders died instantly," he said.

Meanwhile, the party has

4,500 delegates for SDP presidential primaries on Saturday • Five aspirants jostle for ticket

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THE Social Democratic Party (SDP) will hold its special national convention on Saturday to elect its presidential candidate for the 2019 general election.

Chairman, publicity sub-committee of the convention planning committee, Professor Rufai Ahmed Alkali, disclosed this to news-

men in Abuja, on Tuesday, adding that the convention would hold at the old parade ground, Abuja, with about 4,500 delegates being expected across the states of the federation.

He said at the convention, the amended constitution of the party would be ratified, election and ratification of election of new National Executive Committee members and the selection of the presi-

dential candidate of the party in preparation for the general election next year.

Alkali disclosed that so far, a total of five aspirants had signified interest and purchased nomination forms for the presidential election.

He assured that the convention would be conducted in "an open, free and transparent atmosphere, to ensure that the outcome is credible, fair and just."