

service, at the parish in Yelwan Kagadama, Bauchi State, on Sunday. PHOTO: NAN

Passengers lament state of road as auto crashes claim 13

Four deaths were recorded—FRSC

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ABOUT 13 travellers have been reported dead in ghastly auto crashes in Nasarawa State, which occurred on Thursday, November 28, through Saturday, December 1 on on Nasarawa Eggon to Akwanga road.

The incident caused gridlock on the road, as many motorists were stranded for several hours before officers of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) came to their rescue.

According to an eyewitness, about 13 people lost their lives to the incident, while others sustained injuries with several vehicles damaged.

Some of the travellers that spoke with *Nigerian Tribune* at the scene on Saturday, December 1 appealed to the Federal Gov-

ernment to commence the dualisation of the 220-kilometre road inaugurated recently in Nasarawa State. According to them, this would address accidents on the road.

A traveller from Plateau State, Aliyu Idris, said since the Federal Government had inaugurated the dualisation of the road, "I am urging them to, as matter of urgency, start work immediately or even help us expand the road, so that all these accidents would be avoided or reduced."

Don't relocate, Catholic bishop tells northern Christians

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Bishop of Kano Catholic Diocese, Right Reverend John Namaza Niyiring, has called on Christians and residents in the northern part of the country to shun

Narrating the incident, Solomon Obasi, a passenger who was heading to Jaligo in Taraba State, from Abuja said, "According to what we heard, J5 bus coming the opposite direction rammed into a parked stationary truck and caught flames in the process.

"The driver of the other truck owned by a company that was ascending the same route ran into the flames and suddenly applied brake, but the brake failed and he suddenly ran

into a ditch resulting in the death of the driver.

"The driver of the J5 bus and his conductor were instantly burnt with other passengers," he said.

Obasi, however, attributed the cause of the accident to the state of the road, and called on the government to come to their rescue without delay.

The state Sector Commandant of the FRSC, Fostina Alaigbe, confirmed the accident but said four deaths were recorded so far.

election panic, saying there is no cause for Nigerians to relocate because of fear linked with the outcome of the 2019 general election.

The bishop spoke on Sunday in an interview with journalists as part of events marking the 100 years of Catholic church in

the elections.

Bishop Niyiring said 100 years of the existence of the church in Kano would be celebrated through observance of prayer sessions and charity work, noting that the prayer sessions would include praying for the peace and progress of the state and

N25bn agricbusiness loans,