

## Three children die as vehicle conveying APC supporters loses control in Jigawa

JIGAWA State Police Command, on Wednesday, said a campaign vehicle of the All Progressives Congress (APC) conveying party supporters, lost control, hit six children killing three of the children.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Abdu Jinjir, told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* in Dutse, the state capital, that one of accident occurred on Monday at about 5:30 p.m., when the driver of a campaign vehicle, a Golf 3 car with registration number MMR 364 AA, lost control along Guri-Hadejia road and hit six children.

Jinjir explained that the vehicle was conveying party supporters to the venue of the rally organised to kick off the reelection campaign of the state governor in Guri.

The police spokesperson added that three of the victims, Maryam Adamu (four), Habibu Yusif (nine)

and Aminu Abdullahi (10), died on the spot, while the remaining three were critically injured.

Jinjiri said that the driver of the vehicle was arrested by the police, and investigation into the incident was still ongoing.

The PPRO further told *NAN* that another accident occurred on Tuesday at about 8:15 p.m., along Jahun/Kiyawa Road, when the governor's campaign team was returning to Gumel.

He said: "On January 22, at about 8:15 p.m, there was a fatal accident along Jahun/Kiyawa Road, which involved a Ford Focus vehicle driven by one Abubakar Ibrahim (35).

"The vehicle, which was coming from Gumel, and heading to Birnininkudu, was conveying four female passengers.

"On reaching Yar Jigawa village, the driver suddenly sighted a camel crossing the highway and lost control of his vehicle while trying to

avoid hitting the animal.

"The vehicle somersaulted, which resulted in the passengers sustaining serious injuries.

"Policemen immediately visited scene and took the victims to hospital for treatment," Jinjiri said.

According to him, one

Aisha Tahir (40) of Birnininkudu town died while receiving treatment at the hospital.

He added that the surviving victims, including the driver, were later referred to the Federal Medical Centre, Birnininkudu, for medical attention.

## 80,000 displaced from North-East

THE United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said more than 80,000 Nigerians have been displaced due to ongoing violence in the North-East since last November.

According to the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*, the UN relief agency said that the figure was in addition to the two million people already displaced by violence, or forced across Nigeria's borders as refugees.

OCHA said, in 2018, re-

lief organisations estimated that 7.7 million people required urgent life-saving assistance.

OCHA said, however, the recent upsurge in clashes between non-state armed groups and the state security forces was forcing UN agencies and their partners to reassess the needs on the ground.

The UN agency said a 90-day plan was in the works to ratchet up the response, especially across the worst-affected state of Borno, to meet the immediate needs of an estimated 312,000 men, women and