

A street in Ikosi in Ketu area of Lagos littered with broken bottles after the clashes among cult groups in the area on Wednesday morning

12 killed, many injured in Bauchi, Ogun auto accidents

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ABOUT 10 passengers were feared killed in multiple auto accidents in Bauchi State, while two persons died in Ogun auto crash.

The multiple auto accidents at two locations in Bauchi on Wednesday also claimed a nursing mother, just as 70 others were seriously injured.

It was gathered that the victims were heading to a local market in Dukku Local Government Area of Gombe State when the accidents occurred.

In the first accident, which occurred at about 11:00 a.m. at Dungulbi

village, about 10 kilometres from Bauchi metropolis, on the Bauchi-Gombe highway, two persons died on the spot, while in second accident, which occurred at about the same time along Darazo-Dukku road, eight persons died on the spot.

Also, those who sustained injuries were rushed to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital (ATBUTH) and General Hospital, Darazo for medical attention.

The first accident involved a Toyota Hummer bus belonging to a Federal Government agency, which had a head-on collision

with a Sharon commercial bus conveying passengers to Gombe, while the second accident was a lone accident involving a truck conveying people to the market.

Information gathered at the scene of the accident revealed that the government staff were returning to Abuja having spending few days at the Yankari Games Reserves and Safari on an official assignment.

The FRSC sector commander, Yusuf Abdullahi, confirmed the accidents to the *Nigerian Tribune* in a telephone interview.

In Ogun, the state Traffic Compliance and Enforce-

ment Corps (TRACE) confirmed the death of two persons, just as it added that five others were injured when a truck and a tricycle were involved in an accident in Ifo, on the Lagos-Abeokuta expressway.

The Area Commander of TRACE in Ewekoro-Ifo, Mrs Ebunoluwa Akinkumi, told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* that the accident occurred at about 9.05 a.m.

She said the corpses of the victims had been deposited at the Ifo General Hospital morgue, while the survivors are also receiving treatment at the hospital.