

...Gombe road in Jigawa State, on Saturday.

21 army recruits die in Jigawa road accident

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ABOUT 21 people said to be new army recruits have been confirmed dead when two vehicles ran into a collapsed culvert at Rabadi village on the Gwaram/Gombe road in Gwaram Local Government Area of

Jigawa State.

The deceased, who were said to be from Kano, were heading to Adamawa at midnight on Saturday when the incident occurred.

Eight among the deceased were youths returning from a military recruitment screening.

The Jigawa State Commissioner of Police, Aliyu Tafida, confirmed the incident in a press statement made available to **Nigerian Tribune** by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, ASP Lawal Shisu Adam.

The statement said "an

accident occurred at Rabadi village on Gwaram Basirka road. One Hummer bus conveying 18 passengers from Kano State to Adamawa State and a Canter lorry conveying three passengers, destination not known yet, fell into broken culvert full of water."

According to the statement, "the victims were taken to Basirka Hospital where the 21 passengers have been confirmed dead by medical doctors."

The statement stated further that only a 26-year-old man who hails from Mubi in Adamawa

State identified as Simon Chinapi who survived the accident.

The deputy governor of the state, Alhaji Umar Namadi, visited the scene of the accident where he ordered the evacuation of the deceased to the mortuary.