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Four NYSC members from Yobe die in road accident

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A few days after finishing their three-week orientation course in Taraba State, four corps members from Yobe State have lost their lives in a road accident while others were injured.

Information obtained from the Yobe State office of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) revealed that the accident occurred while the corps members were returning to Yobe State from the NYSC Orientation Camp, Jalingo, Taraba State, where they underwent the 2021 Batch 'C' Stream II orientation course and were relocated to Bauchi and Yobe states.

The Yobe State government and management of the NYSC have commiserated with the families of the deceased corps members.

Speaking during the condolence visit to Potiskum and Nguru local government areas of Yobe State, the Commissioner for Youth and Sports, Goni Bukar Lawan, described the death of the

corps members as a loss not only to the families but the state and the nation at large.

Bukar Lawan stated that the young Nigerians died at a time the nation was looking forward to their contributions to nation building.

He, however, cautioned that "we should not question the will of God" and prayed for the repose of their souls and for God to grant the families the fortitude to bear the losses.

Also speaking, the Director-General of the NYSC, Brigadier General Shuibu Ibrahim, expressed sadness at the death of the corps members whom he described as fallen heroes, having answered the call to serve their fatherland by undergoing the just-concluded orientation course in Taraba State.

Represented by the Director, North-East Area Office of the NYSC, Bauchi, Malam Baba Ladan, the DG described the death as painful and tragic happening at a time when their services

towards the growth and development of the country were most needed.

The NYSC DG said: "It is painful losing them at their prime when their contributions to nation building were most needed."

He prayed for the repose of their souls and for God to grant the families the fortitude to bear the losses.

The Yobe State government donated N200,000 each to the families, just as the delegation also visited the injured at the General Hospital, Potiskum, where directive was issued for those with critical cases to be moved to the state teaching hospital in Damaturu and that government would pay all their medical bills.

Meanwhile, Ladan addressed corps members in Potiskum and Nguru, warning them to avoid the temptation of night journey.

According to him, the consequences of travelling in the night were dire and as such, they should avoid it completely.