

# 3 Another two killed, 52 others injured as truck rams 13 vehicles in Plateau

## Atiku visits Jang, donates N40m to victims

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1 TWO persons were on Sunday killed, while 52 others sustained various degrees of injury in multiple accidents in Plateau State.

2 The latest accident followed the death of 16 supporters of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state over the weekend.

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), in a statement signed by its Public Education Officer, Peter Longsam, said the multiple accidents occurred at about 5:00 p.m. around Zakaliyo area on the Jos-Bengli road.

3 Longsam said 14 vehicles and 54 people were involved in the accidents.

4 He added that two adult females died, while 52 others sustained various degrees of injury.

On the cause of the accident, the FRSC spokesperson said a truck on the highway suddenly developed brake failure and rammed other

vehicles coming from the opposite direction and others within the vicinity.

"The rescue operation was carried out by FRSC ambulances and an emergency response team stationed on the Jos-Bauchi route, as well as by officers and men of the FRSC, Jos Bye Pass Unit Command.

"The injured victims were taken to the Plateau Specialist Hospital and Toro General Hospital for medical attention, while the corpses of the deceased were taken by their family members for burial after being confirmed dead at the hospital."

5 Meanwhile, the presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, has donated N40 million to victims of Saturday's auto crash which involved supporters of the party.

The accident occurred when the party's supporters, mostly young boys in

an articulated truck, were returning from a zonal campaign rally in Pankshin Local Government Area.

Atiku, who arrived in Jos on a condolence visit alongside the party's national chairman, Dr Iyorchia Ayu, and a former senate president, Dr Bukola Saraki on Sunday, paid condolence visits to former Governor Jonah Jang and those injured at the Jos University Teaching Hospital.

The PDP presidential candidate described the deaths as painful, adding that their sacrifices would not go in vain.

He said: "For us, the loss is a very painful one, for the lives of the young ones to be cut short at their prime.

"We are with you in prayer in this sad moment and we want to assure you that we will stand by you to make sure that those in the hospital receive the best medical attention."

The former vice president who announced the donation of the N40 million to assist those receiving treatment commended Senator Jang for his leadership of the party in the state.

He assured the former governor that "nobody makes sacrifices without the sacrifice being acknowledged and appreciated."

Also, Dr Ayu commiserated with the PDP family and the people of Plateau over the incident, just as he donated N10 million to the victims on behalf of the national PDP.

The PDP national chairman said: "The best we can do for those who lost their lives is look after their families because some of them left wives, children, mothers, and loved ones."

While speaking, Senator Jang thanked Alhaji Atiku and his delegation for the visit, describing the gesture as a mark of "love which the PDP is known for."