

Easter Monday: Many killed in Gombe auto crash

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ABOUT 20 people, mostly children, lost their lives in an auto crash that occurred at Billiri, headquarters of Billiri Local Government Area of Gombe State.

Apart from those who died, scores were reported injured and are receiving treatment at health facilities in Billiri

It was learnt that the accident occurred at about 7:00a.m when Christians were returning home from a mountain they had climbed earlier in the morning to symbolise the meeting with Jesus in Galilee

An eyewitness informed newsmen that just when the people, mostly youths and children, were descending the mountain, a truck loaded

with grains heading towards Gombe, ran into them.

It was also gathered that youths in the town set the truck ablaze and stormed the Divisional Police headquarters to demand the release of the driver, who they believed was in the custody of the police.

A combined team of police, military and other security agencies were immediately mobilised to the scene to en-

sure that the situation did not go out of control.

When contacted, the state commands of Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) declined further details aside confirming that the accident occurred.

The two agencies, however, promised to make a public statement as soon as possible.