

# Police officer dies, four others injured in auto crash

**Francis Falola, Minna**

**ONE police officer died** and four others seriously injured in an auto crash on Sunday on Lema-Bida Road while on a special duty with the presidential campaign team of the Peoples Democratic Party.

The officer, who until his death was the Divisional Crime Officer for Lemu Division of the Niger State Police Command, was leading 14 police officers to Bida for easy passage of President Olusegun Obasanjo and other members of the PDP campaign team when the accident occurred.

The decision of the police to boost security for the PDP team, it was learnt, followed the initial arrangement that the campaign team would arrive Minna from Ilorin by road.

The Police Public Relations Officer for the command, Mr. Funsho Adeshina, confirmed the

accident in an interview with our correspondent in Minna, the Niger State capital, on Tuesday.

The deceased, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, reportedly died instantly from the injury sustained from the fatal accident.

Our correspondent gathered that the special duty van they were travelling in had a burst tyre, a development which led to the vehicle to somersault.

Adeshina said the body of the deceased had been deposited at the Federal Medical Centre, Bida, while the injured officers were receiving treatment at the same hospital.

He stated that the state command had informed the police national headquarters in Abuja about the incident. He said the family of the deceased would be briefed later.

He regretted the death of Akombo whom he described as a very dedicated police officer.