

# Petrol tanker kills 12 in Bauchi

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Twelve people, among them 11 members of the Danga Vigilante Group established by the Bauchi State Government, have been killed while one other person sustained serious injuries when a tanker carrying petroleum product had a head-on collision with the Toyota Hilux vehicle they were travelling in.

The incident happened along the Bauchi-Ganjuwa Road, Bauchi State.

Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Haruna Mohammed, who confirmed the incident in a statement in Bauchi on Friday, said that 13 people were involved in the accident which occurred on Thursday afternoon.

He said that a combined team of Police and Federal Road Safety Corps immediately arrived the scene of the crash and rushed the victims to the hospital where doctors certified 12 of the victims including the driver of the tanker dead.

He said, "Today, Thursday 30/6/2016 at about 3pm, there was a head on collision between a white petroleum tanker with registration number GML-534-XA heading towards Ningi and a white Toyota Hilux conveying members of the Danga Vigilante heading to Bauchi.

"The accident occurred at Kafin Liman Village, along Bauchi-Ganjuwa road in Ganjuwa LGA of the state. As a result, 13 people sustained various degrees of injuries. A police patrol team/ and

FRSC officials visited the scene and rushed casualties to the ATBU Teaching hospital for medical attention.

“However, 12 of the victims, including 11 Danga Vigilante members and the tanker driver whose identity is still unknown were certified dead on arrival by a medical doctor while one other victim is responding to treatment at the intensive care unit of the hospital.”

Mohammed said that the corpses had been deposited at the mortuary while investigation into the incident continues.

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