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23 die, 58 injured in Zaria-Kano truck accident

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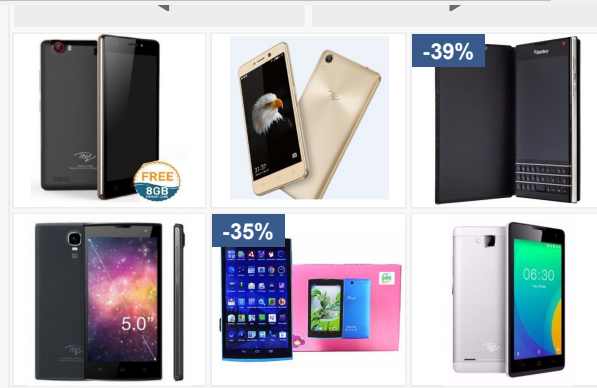


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A fatal accident involving a truck loaded with firewood and carrying about 100 passengers along the Zaria-Kano Road has claimed 23 lives, the National Emergency Management Agency, has said.

According to NEMA, 58 persons were injured in the accident, while 23 of them are presently at the intensive care unit of the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital receiving treatment.



The agency's Head of Media and Public Relations, Mr. Sani Datti, in a statement on Sunday, stated that the accident occurred last week Friday and explained that the affected passengers were on top of the firewood before the accident happened.

He stated that NEMA responded to an appeal by ABUTH, after the hospital urged the agency to come to its aid by providing drugs and other medical consumables to enable the hospital to treat the injured victims.

The North-West Zonal Office Coordinator of NEMA, Musa Ilallah, who presented drugs worth millions of naira to the hospital, sympathised with the injured victims and wished them quick recovery.

Ilallah, according to the statement, visited some of the most critically-injured persons who were receiving treatment at the intensive care unit of the hospital and expressed satisfaction at the way they were being taken care of by the hospital management.

The Chairman of the hospital's Medical Advisory Council, Prof. Adamu Ahmed, who received the drugs on behalf of the Medical Director, Prof. Lawan Khalid, appreciated the gesture and support.

He stated that the drugs would go a long way in replenishing the hospital's stock, adding that some of the victims had been treated and discharged.

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