Truck crushes Taraba CAN chair to death

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Late Rev. Ben Ubeh. Photo: Justin Tyopuusu

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The Taraba State Vice-Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria, Apostle John Aina, on Sunday confirmed the death of the state CAN Chairman, Rev. Dr. Ben Ubeh, in a motor accident along the Zing-Yola Road.

Ubeh died in the early hours of Sunday while on his way to Yola for an official engagement.

An eyewitness who was travelling with the CAN Chairman, Rev. Peter Gambo, told our correspondent that the incident happened when they parked to buy some items in Zing town on their way to Yola, Adamawa State.

Gambo, who is the state chairman of the Nigeria Labour Congress, explained that he (Gambo) was not feeling fine and that when they got to Zing, they parked for him to get some drugs when the accident happened.

"We parked to buy drugs and the CAN chairman too came out and stood at the back of our vehicle (a Toyota Hilux van) we were travelling in when suddenly a truck came from behind and crushed him.

"I am still in shock over the incident, but I have come to terms with the fact that God knows best," he said.

Gambo said Governor Darius Ishaku immediately sent a delegation to Zing who helped him to evacuate the corpse to Jalingo. The corpse, he added, had been deposited in the morgue of the state Specialist Hospital.

Rev. Ubeh was elected the CAN Chairman of Taraba State in 2016 and is the General Overseer of Army of God Glorious Ministries.

As of the time of filling this report, there was no official reaction from the family as they were said to be holding a meeting with church officials over his burial arrangement.