

Grandma dies in Plateau hospital after allegedly hit by gov's convoy

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Governor Simon Lalong of Plateau State

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A 70-year-old woman died at the Plateau State Specialists Hospital on Saturday after allegedly hit by a convoy of Governor Simon Lalong.

It was learnt that the governor was on his way to a golf club when the incident occurred at the Rayfield area of Jos, the state capital.

A granddaughter of the deceased, who confirmed the woman's death, said, "It was this (Saturday) morning; my grandmother was crossing the road when she was hit by the governor's convoy. She was immediately rushed to the Plateau State Specialists Hospital.

"Unfortunately, she died shortly after. But when we inquired to know why they hit our mother, one of the security officers in the convoy said they did not see her while she was crossing. It's really sad."

But the Commissioner for Information, Dan Manjang, denied any involvement of the governor's convoy in the death of the woman.

The Commissioner said, "On Saturday, September 26, 2020 at about 10.10am, a driver was plying 'one way' along Fwavei Junction Rayfield. When the governor's convoy approached the junction, the driver panicked and ran into a motorcycle rider carrying a passenger.

"The governor's convoy stopped, apprehended the car and also evacuated the motorcycle rider and his passenger to the hospital on the directive of the governor. Thereafter, the governor's convoy proceeded to its destination. So, it was not the governor's convoy that caused the accident.

"There was also a reported accident along Lamingo Road involving a security vehicle (not the governor's convoy) where a 70-year-old woman was knocked down. She was rushed to Plateau State Specialists Hospital and later died."

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