

Gombe monarch mourns as death toll in convoy crash hits three

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The Mai Tula, Alhaji Abubakar Atare, has mourned three of his aides who died in a road crash involving his convoy.

The aides were said to have died and three others injured in a crash involving the convoy along Kumo Road, Gombe/Adamawa Expressway.

The accident which occurred on Thursday claimed the lives of his longest-serving pilot driver, Danjuma Mohammed, also known as Wakili Mota and the Chief Cook, Mohammed Lawal, also known Sokale Tula, who were in the convoy's pilot car.

A police constable, Adamu Ibrahim, who was among those rushed to the hospital, reportedly died on Sunday.

Our correspondent gathered that two victims died on the spot when a J5 Peugeot attempted to overtake a truck, lost control and ran into the convoy.

“Three other persons who sustained various degrees of injuries were rushed to Federal Teaching Hospital, Gombe for treatment,” the source said.

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The traditional ruler has described the death of the three workers as a great loss to the royal family, noting that he had close ties with each of them

Atare said, "It was a great loss to me personally and to the entire Tula chieftdom because these were men I grew up knowing as members of the royal household.

"So, I feel the pain as personal loss and pray that Almighty Allah will repose their souls."