

14 killed in C'River, Bauchi, Sokoto clash, accidents

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AT least eight persons have been killed and several others injured in a clash between residents of Alesi and Ochon communities in the Ikom and Obubra local government areas of Cross River State.

Over 2,000 persons were also said to have been displaced from their ancestral homes by the crisis.

The South-South Zonal Coordinator of the National Emergency Management Agency, Mr Godwin Tepikor, disclosed this during an on-the-spot assessment on Saturday.

Tepikor was accompanied by officers from the Nigerian Army and members of the affected communities.

He explained that the crisis, which occurred on March 7, 2022, resulted from a land dispute between the two neighbouring communities.

"The crisis that erupted between Ochon and Alesi communities in Obubra and Ikom local government areas claimed the lives of eight persons; four were injured on both sides and over 2,008 displaced. Several buildings and household property were destroyed in the process. The affected persons were scattered amongst neighbouring communities within the local government areas of the state," he told the News Agency of Nigeria.

Meanwhile, three persons were reportedly killed and 16 others injured in an auto

crash along the Bauchi-Kano Road, Bauchi State.

It was learnt that the incident occurred in Kurosha village at about 6.13pm on Friday.

The Bauchi Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Mr Yusuf Abdullahi, who confirmed this on Saturday, said the accident involved a Toyota Hiace bus belonging to Jigawa Sunrise

Abdullahi said only a female child survived the accident unscathed.

While blaming the accident on speed violation and loss of control, he said the injured and the remains of the deceased were taken to Ningi General Hospital.

"About 20 people were involved in the crash, made up of 18 male adults, one female adult, and a female

child. Three male adults lost their lives on the spot. Sixteen people, including 15 male adults and a female adult, sustained injuries, while the only soul unscathed was the female child," he said.

Similarly, tragedy struck when three persons were killed in an inferno at a BUA cement factory in Sokoto State.

A worker was said to be repairing a stationed tank when the fire erupted on Friday.

Three others were said to have sustained injuries as the fire overpowered the company's safety officers.

Valuable equipment at the factory was destroyed as a combined team of officers of the federal and state fire

services battled to contain the disaster.

The Fire Prevention Officer of the Sokoto State Fire Service, Mr Nuhu Lawal, confirmed the incident.

NAN reported on Saturday that an interim situation report indicated that the inferno was suspected to be caused by an "uploading fuel tanker".

Terrorists kill five, release 32 Kaduna kidnap victims after N16m ransom payment

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FIVE persons, including a 70-year-old man, have been killed during an attack by suspected terrorists in Dogo Dawa, Layin Mahuta and Tabanni villages in the Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State.



Dogo Dawa, Layin Mahuta and Tabanni in which five people were killed; 17 others were abducted between Monday 15 and Friday, March 18, 2022.

"On Tuesday, March 14, 2022, Haruna Dawa and two others were cruelly murdered in the eastern part of Birnin Gwari by bandits along Dogo