Yobe commissioner dies in crash, FRSC faults speeding

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The Commissioner for Youth and Sports in Yobe State, Goni Lawan, has been killed in a fatal crash.

Lawan, a former member of the House of Representatives, died in the lone crash on Tuesday while on his way to Kano State.

The Federal Road Safety Corps in Bauchi State confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Wednesday.

The FRSC Sector Commander in the state, Yusuf Abdullahi, said the incident happened around 6.15pm on Tuesday.

According to him, when the FRSC was informed of the accident, personnel from the Dambam unit rushed to the scene within 12 minutes for a rescue operation.

He said, "The lone fatal crash happened on Tuesday around 6.15pm and immediately we were informed, our men rushed to the scene within 12 minutes for a rescue operation.

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"The incident happened along Dambam-Potiskum Road, adjacent to A.Y. Dagauda Fueling Station at Dagauda village, along Kum in the Dambam Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

"It involved a government vehicle, a Lexus SUV – GX 470 – with number plate, 11A01YB.

"The vehicle was driven by Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan and he was with one other male adult when the crash happened. The other person sustained some injuries.

"The crash was caused by speed violation which led to a loss of control."

He said men of the Motor Transport Division of the Nigeria Police Force, Dambam divisional headquarters, took the victims to the Dambam General Hospital for treatment