

# Council chairman, others die in Gombe, Anambra crashes



• Abubakar

**Chima Azubuike and  
Ikenna Obianeri**

**T**HE Chairman of Nafada Local Government Area, Gombe State, Musa Abubakar, aka *Babauniro*, has died in an auto crash along Kano Road.

Abubakar was one of the 11 local council bosses elected under the platform of the All Progressives Congress in December 2020.

The state Governor, Muhammadu Yahaya, in a statement on Monday, expressed sadness at the incident.

"The deceased was a man of peace, a committed politician and an experienced public servant, who contributed immensely to the development of his immediate community, local government and the state," he stated.

**2** In a related development, two people lost their lives and five others were injured in

a crash beside the Anambra State Criminal Investigation Department, by Onitsha-Awka Expressway.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered that the accident occurred late on Sunday and involved a MAN truck with the number plate, FKJ22XJ, and a Toyota Hiace bus with the number plate, GDD68ZP.

The Federal Road Safety Corps, in a statement, said the crash was caused by road obstruction and speed.

The FRSC also confirmed that two male adults were killed in the crash, which affected 12 people.

"Five people, comprising three male adults and two female adults, sustained varying degrees of injury," the statement added.

An eyewitness said the truck developed a fault and was abandoned by the driver, who placed a caution sign at its front and rear.

The bus driver, while at top speed, reportedly rammed into the truck from the rear and crashed.

As of the time of filing this report, FRSC officials from the Nteje unit had taken the injured victims to a hospital, while the dead were taken to the New Word Mortuary, Nteje.

The Anambra Sector Commander, FRSC, Adeoye Irelewuyi, while commiserating with the families of the dead, wished the injured quick recovery.