

Two die, donkeys killed, others injured in Jigawa

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A devastating lone accident that occurred in Shuwarin town, Kiyawa Local Government Area of Jigawa State, on Monday, left a trail of destruction and loss of lives.

The accident involved a motor vehicle, DAF with registration number NGU 498 XA, driven by 34-year-old Mohd Hassan from Potiskum LGA, Yobe State.

An eyewitness account informed Arewa PUNCH that the vehicle which was traveling from Yobe State to Enugu State was loaded with 100 donkeys and passengers on board.

While confirming the incident on the night of the



• Over 40 donkeys killed in the accident

ghastly accident to Arewa PUNCH, the Police Public Relations Officer, Jigawa State Command, ASP Shiisu Lawan Adam narrated, "Tragically, the driver lost control of the vehicle and it

fell down, resulting in the loss of two precious lives - Innani Abubakar, a 45-year-old female, and Kalifa Adamu, a 30-year-old male, both from Potiskum."

He confirmed that, the

driver, Mohd Hassan, who also sustained severe injuries, including the loss of his left hand was rushed to the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital in Jigawa's neighboring state of Kano, for treatment.

The Command's Spokesperson also said, "Unfortunately, the incident happened on the market day of the town and about 40 donkeys being conveyed in the involved trailer in the accident also died on the spot.

Sharing more details of the tragic event with Arewa PUNCH, ASP Adam explained that while the cause of the accident is still under investigation, but preliminary evidence shows that speeding may have been a contributing factor.

As the investigation into the accident continues, the police have assured that measures will be taken to prevent similar accidents in the future.

However, the Jigawa Police Command has urged motorists to exercise caution and adhere to traffic regulations to prevent such tragedies.

Our correspondent who visited the community reports that the residents have been mourning the losses occasioned by the accident.

Also lamenting the incident, Faruk Garba, another eyewitness revealed that it was very painful that such an accident happened in the area, more especially, on Monday which is the market day of the town.

A community head, Malam Auwal Danbaba said that, the driver may have lost

Ranching, open grazing will end farmers, herders crisis – Adamawa commissioner

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THE Adamawa State Commissioner of Livestock, Alhaji Tijani Maksha, has commended the Professor Attahiru Jega's panel for recommending ranching and open grazing as the best option that will put an end farmers and herders protracted crisis across the country.

The commissioner who spoke with Arewa PUNCH exclusively on Thursday, in Yola, said that marring the two schemes together will help pastorals to choose the option that is best for them.

"It will be difficult to introduce ranching today and abolish open grazing overnight, which it is a traditional practice of herders," he said.



• Maksha

He added, "When I was commissioner for livestock under former governor Murtala Nyako, he created three ranching areas, each senatorial district got one, so that herders in those senatorial districts settled in one place."

Maksha disclosed that the essence was to bring together herders and farmers for close interactions and peaceful

coexistence and to enable herders' children to go to school together with farmers' children.

The livestock commissioner who commended President Bola Tinubu for creating the Federal Ministry of Livestock, pointed out that the action will not only boost the economy sector, but that will help to develop the livestock sector to international level.

"Livestock contributes 35 per cent to the economy of the country. It is the highest, and it creates more jobs for women and youths that engage in livestock business," he stated.

"With time, everyone rearing animals will discover that ranching pays better, and they will embrace it without being told to do so," he said.