

Etsako East Local Government Area, heading towards Weppa in Etsako East

dead and the injured to nearby hospital, when some people

The timely intervention of law enforcement agents was

9 killed in 2 auto accidents

• 2 murdered in Taraba

From **Murphy Ganagana, Jos**

persons in Taraba State.

Six persons reportedly lost their lives in a fatal auto accident which occurred along the Bauchi-Kano Road.

The cause of the crash could

not be ascertained at press time. It was gathered that the accident involved a motorcycle and a Peugeot 806 bus marked XB 953 DUT, driven by Aliyu Adamu.

Five others, including the driver aboard the 13-passenger bus were injured and rushed to the General Hospital at Ningi, Bauchi State, where corpses of the deceased were deposited.

Reports said the Traffic Division of the Bauchi State Police Command is investigating the tragedy, which occurred at about 4pm.

Meanwhile, two blood relations were yesterday allegedly murdered in their sleep at a remote village in Taraba State, by unidentified persons, suspected to be Fulani.

The deceased, Nantai Kuntai, aged 45, and Ponfa Nafhat, 30, were sleeping outside their home as a result of the hot weather, when they were shot dead.

Sources said the incident which occurred at Patori village

Customs intercepts contraband concealed in fuel tanker

From **Tunde Omolehin, Sokoto**

THE Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) in Sokoto, has intercepted a petroleum tanker laden with contraband.

This was disclosed to Journalists by the Area Comptroller in charge of Sokoto, Kebbi and Zamfara States, Alhaji Sani Madugu during the physical

examination at the Area Headquarters.

Daily Sun observed that the tanker which was designed for lifting petroleum product had no fewer than 100 bales of fairly used clothing materials in its compartments.

Madugu explained that the truck was trailed from Kebbi State, through intelligence reports and was finally intercepted in Gusau, Zamfara State by

a patrol team.

He noted that the Duties Paid Value (DPV) on the good worth about N40 million.

The Customs boss said no arrest was made but added that, investigation has commenced to unveil the perpetrators.

Madugu however, advised smugglers to engage in other legal businesses or they would continue to lose their investments to such operations.