

CRUEL FATE! HOW 6-YEAR- OLD PUPIL DIED IN SCHOOL BUS CRASH

► She had a premonition -Parents
► 98 others cheat death



THE LATE NORO

From **GYANG BERE**, Jos

IN retrospect, it appeared as if Noro Christopher, a pupil of Fatima Private School Kanadap, in Kuru District of Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State, had a premonition that she was going to die in a fatal motor crash on the morning of Monday, March 7.

The six-year-old pre-primary school pupil exhibited strange behaviour when her parents woke her up to prepare for school. Twice her mother, Christiana Manjai woke her, but each time, she went back to bed and was reluctant to go to school—a tendency she had never shown in her three years of joining the school.

After exhausting all her tricks, Noro was eventually compelled by her parents to go to school that fateful day. Her mother hurriedly prepared her breakfast and urged her to hasten up in order to meet up with the school bus that picked schoolchildren a few metres away from the house daily at Kushe Village.



**CHRISTIANA MANJAI,
MOTHER OF NORO**

tered and her father bade her farewell. Unknown to him, that would be his last glimpse of his daughter alive.

Without wasting time, the bus zoomed off to other locations to pick other children.

Satisfied that their daughter had gone to school, the Manjai couple set out for the business of the day. When Christopher set off for his day's outing, his wife Christiana was preparing to leave home to the market.

Forty minutes later at 7:50, the coaster bus was heading to school laden with 100 schoolchildren and seven teachers when its brake failed at Kuru Jenta, along Mararaban Jama'a Road. The bus veered off the road with its human cargo and somersaulted in the bush.

Rescuers arrived at the scene to find children scampering for safety. And a few minutes later, the attention of the Federal Road Safety Corps was drawn to the accident scene as commuters and taxi drivers plying the Mangu-Jos Road joined the rescue effort and started