

In another development, no fewer than five persons have been confirmed dead in an auto crash that involved 83 supporters of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Sokoto State. The victims, according to reports, were returning from the party's presidential zonal campaign held in Sokoto on Monday.

A witness said the accident occurred when the truck conveying the party supporters lost control, veered off the road and crashed into the bush. The victims were mainly those mobilised from Isa Local Government Area of the state to attend the zonal rally in the state capital.

"Five persons lost their lives, 14 critically injured, 49 with minor injuries and only seven were unhurt. In short, out of 83 involved in the accident only seven were unhurt," he said.

Alhaji Aminu Abdulahi, Director of Press to the Deputy Governor of the state, Hon. Maniru Muhammad Dan'iya, confirmed the accident in a statement made available to journalists in Sokoto.

He stated that the deputy governor had traveled to Bargaja village to console the families of the deceased.

He noted that the deputy governor described their demise as tragic and a great loss to their families, local government and the entire state. "He prayed Allah to grant them Aljannar firdaushi and the fortitude to bear the lost," he said.