

18 traders die in Kebbi road accident

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No fewer than 18 traders and 16 cows have been confirmed dead in a road accident that occurred along Aliero-Sokoto Road in Kebbi State.

Kebbi State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Nafiu Abubakar, in a statement said: “On January 15, 2023, at about 2.300 a.m, there was a fatal motor accident at Malisa village, Gwandu LGA, along Aliero/Sokoto road. The accident occurred when the yet to be identified driver of a truck with registration number: SRP 442 XA, conveying passengers, and cows from Illela LGA of Sokoto State, heading to Lagos State.

“On reaching Malisa junction, the driver lost control of the truck, and it fell down. As a result, 42 passengers, sustained various degrees of injuries. On receipt of the report, the Commissioner of Police, Kebbi State Command, CP Ahmed Magaji Kontagora, rushed to the scene. He supervised the evacuated the victims to General hospital, Gwandu, for treatment, where a medical doctor confirmed 18 dead, while the remaining victims are currently responding to treatment.

“ Similarly, 16 cows also died as a result of the accident”, he added.