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Death of 17 Kwara Admission Seekers Painful, Preventable, Says Gov

Hammed Shittu in Ilorin

Kwara State Governor Alhaji AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq yesterday lamented the death of 17 students in an auto crash on their way back to the state from Kano where they had

gone to write their post-UTME examination.

He described the incident as a painful one that could have been prevented.

About 17 persons have been reportedly killed in an auto crash at Badia junction along Jebba-Ilorin

Highway in Kwara State last week Thursday.

The accident, which involved an 18-seater Toyota Hiace passenger bus and an articulated DAF container truck, also left two people injured.

It was gathered that the accident occurred as a result of over-speeding and dangerous driving as the two vehicles had

a head-on collision at a bend along the highway.

AbdulRazaq, in a statement yesterday by his Chief Press Secretary, Mallam Rafiu Ajakaye, commiserated with the parents and families of the students and prayed to God to avert such calamity in the future.

The governor said: "We, however, believe that we can avoid

this calamity in the future. We reiterate our calls on the drivers to always check their speed, respect other road users, and put their vehicles in the best condition.

"Most accidents occur because our drivers often fail these three basic tests of safe driving."

The governor added: "Besides, we call on our tertiary institutions which still require students to

travel long distance for their post-UTME examination to please consider holding such test online to avert the necessity of travel.

"This will not only reduce travel and attendant risks, but also encourage students to embrace and excel in computer literacy, a sine qua non for success in the 21st Century."

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