

At PDP run-off election:

Trailer crushes 20 in Kaduna

From MUSTAPHA SAYE, Kaduna

TRAGEDY struck in Kaduna yesterday, Tuesday, when about 20 people were feared crushed to death in a traffic mishap.

The accident occurred around 11.00 a.m at the Trade Fair Complex along Kaduna-Zaria express-way where the People's Democratic Party (PDP) was conducting a run-off election to pick its gubernatorial candidate for the Kaduna state.

Eyewitness account revealed that the mishap was caused when a trailer, which was heading towards Zaria, lost control and ran into a crowd of people believed to be party faithful and traders.

It was said that the trailers also crushed people inside several cars

parked along the road and some of the vehicles caught fire.

The trailer driver was alleged to have tried to avoid a policeman who attempted to intercept him for a reason not immediately known.

Officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and policemen were seen rescuing victims and rushing them to vari-

ous hospitals.

Also, men of the state fire-service arrived at the accident scene and put off the fire.

Efforts to get spokesperson of the FRSC or the police to comment on the ac-

cident was unsuccessful as they were not available when the *Daily Triumph* reporter called while the they could not be reached on their cell-phones.

Meanwhile, the state

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Praises for Nigeria as Gani leads team to Niger

*From ALIYU YUSUF,
Niamey, Niger*

THE first Vice President of the Republic of Niger Assembly National, Alhaji Isaaka Hassan Djegoule, has observed that Nigeria is one of the African countries that have shown ut-

most concern to the plight of the people of the Niger Republic during the country's recent famine.

The observation was made when the vice president received a delegation of members of the Kano state House of Assembly led by its Speaker on official visit to the Assembly

Trailer

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police have drafted men of the mobile force to the scene to control the congested traffic caused by the several cars of PDP delegates.