

Post PDP rally tragedy: 10 perish **in auto crash**

NO fewer than ten persons were feared dead as a result of an accident along Wudil-Gaya road, Kano.

The victims were returning from Dutse, after attending the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, rally on Friday night.

An eye witness, Malam Umaru Shuaibu, said the accident occurred when two mini-buses collided. He said, "We had to force the vehicles open to remove some of the victims. Some died on the spot while those seriously injured were rushed to Gaya General

Hospital."

He said the remains of the deceased were also taken to the hospital by good Samaritans. Other witnesses said the accident, which occurred at about 9pm, caused a traffic hold up which lasted over one hour.

Most of the victims hail from Kura Local Government Area of Kano State. A top member of the party in Kano State, Senator Isa Katchao who arrived at the scene minutes after the incident, described it as horrible.

Attempts to reach the state police command spokesman,

Baba Mohammed, a deputy superintendent of police, on the accident were unsuccessful.

Meanwhile, Jigawa State governor, Alhaji Saminu Turaki, Friday, indicated interest in the nation's top job. He made his position known while responding to an appeal by his supporters at a rally in Kano.

He said he agreed with those ~~who were calling on him to~~ contest the presidency based on his performance as governor. Turaki prayed to God to liberate all those who were still in political darkness.