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## 43 perish in road accidents

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**A**BUJA — OVER 43 people perished in separate road accidents in Abuja and Dutse in Jigawa State last weekend. Eyewitness account said a graduate of Accounting from the Obafemi Awolowo University was among the 30 corpses from an accident involving six vehicles at Mandereji Village, Abaji, Abuja in the early hours of yesterday.

In another accident, 13 people died Friday evening in Tsaida Village along Ganja-Dutse road.

The accident in Abuja involved a truck conveying over 30 traders from Kaduna to

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Abuja High Court, begging it to declare as illegal and unconstitutional purported moves to sack him from government on account of his defection to the Action Congress (AC).

The suit was filed just as indications emerged that arrangements had been concluded by the Federal Government to arrest and prosecute the Vice President over sundry offences including alleged official corruption.

According to a source in the Presidency, criminal charges to be faced by Abubakar had been prepared. "All that is left now is for him to come back from abroad and be arrested

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Ikare Akoko, a diesel truck, an 18-seater commuter bus and a truck loaded with planks. Three other vehicles — a J5 bus, a Honda and Toyota Starlet — were also involved in the Abuja crash.

A passenger in one of the vehicles said: "We got to this place at about 2:00 a.m. and there was a shout from the front of the truck we were travelling in and before we knew anything, there was a loud bang and I was thrown to one side of the road and everything went quiet.

"After sometime, I just realised that some other bangs occurred and people started coming out to talk and some were crying. There were over 30 of us that sat on that truck high up there from Barki

Ndogo Market in Kaduna and we never expected this to happen to us.

"The driver and two women sat in the front of the truck and you can see that now, the front of the truck is damaged and the engine of the truck is in pieces."

When asked about the loss he suffered, Samuel begged for assistance from the villagers, "to help me scoop some of the tomatoes so that I can at least recover a little from the loss to offset the loan of N150,000 I got from a widow in Ikare to trade."

The Jigawa incident involved a Peugeot station wagon belonging to the Jigawa State Housing Authority and a trailer loaded with domestic animals.

The Peugeot was said to be overtaking the trailer vehicle but the driver lost control and

ramming into the truck, resulting in the instant death of the passenger of the Peugeot. The corpses of the victims were deposited at the mortuary of Dutse General Hospital and later buried according to Islamic injunction at Kiyawa road grave yard, Dutse.

The Emir of Dutse, Alhaji Nuhu Muhammadu Sanusi, and the senior councillor to the emirate, Alhaji Basiru Sanusi were among the personalities that attended the funeral prayer for the deceased.

Among the deceased were a staff of Housing Authority, a ward head of Takur Quarters, Dutse, Mallam Ibrahim Hassan Gwaram, the driver of the vehicle, Ahmed Danfulani his two wives, all his children, two of his in-laws and the sister of the Administrative Secretary of Jigawa State Radio Corporation among others.

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