

# 45 die in auto accident

**F**UNTUA— FORTY five people died when an open-back truck loaded with grain and passengers crashed, yesterday, in Katsina State.

Hospital officials disclosed that the truck was starting out on the journey to Lagos, about 1,200 km away, when it lost control after hitting a pothole and rolled over in the bush.

Hospital staff in the nearby town of Funtua said 19 survivors were being treated for a variety of injuries including crushed limbs.

Forty five bodies were taken to the mortuary of the Funtua general hospital.

Devastating traffic accidents are frequent in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country and top oil producer.