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MAKURDI—Senate President, David Mark has commiserated with the Catholic Bishop of Makurdi Diocese, Rt. Rev. Dr. Atule A. Usuh and the entire Catholic community over the motor accident that claimed the lives of 19 officials of a Catholic group in Makurdi last weekend.

Mark also condole families of the accident victims and the Idoma Catholic Community over the crash, described as the worst automobile accident ever to occur in the heart of Makurdi metropolis in recent times.

He expressed deep shock and grief over the incident and said "the news of the tragedy came to me as a rude shock especially at this time when Christians are celebrating the Holy Week".

According to a statement by the Special Assistant to the Senate President, Chief Adakole Elijah, the country's number three citizen described the unfortunate incident as devastating, not just to Benue State, but the nation at large.

He prayed God to grant the victims eternal rest and the families of the deceased the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

Similarly Benue State Governor, Mr. Gabriel Suswan has commiserated with families that lost their loved ones in the fatal accident.

The governor through his Special Adviser, Media and Publicity, Mr. Cletus Akwaya expressed the grief of the people and government of Benue State over the unfortunate road mishap, saying that the government would continue to share the pains of the bereaved families in this time of grief.

Vanguard recalls that in the early hours of last Sunday, the officials of the SS Peter and Paul, Idoma Catholic group, all of the Benue South Senatorial district extraction were involved in a ghastly motor accident within Makurdi town that claimed the lives of all the occupants of the 18- seater bus.



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