

Auto crashes kill 20, injure 33 in Zamfara

KAURA-NAMODA (ZAMFARA)—AT least 20 persons have been confirmed dead, while 33 others sustained serious injuries in two motor accidents in Zamfara, Sunday.

The accidents occurred in Kaura-Namoda Local Government Area of the state.

The Federal Road Safety Commission Corps, FRSC, Assistant Corps Commander, Kaura-Namoda Unit, Mr. Sani Abdussamad, said yesterday, that the first accident occurred at Sabongari, five kilometres from Kaura-Namoda, on the Kaura-Namoda-Gusau Road.

He said the vehicle, with number plate XL494ABC, carrying more than 100 bags of potato with 42 people on top of the goods, was

from Sokoto State.

Abdussamad said the driver was allegedly over-speeding when the truck had a burst tyre, skidded off the road, somersaulted and killed seven passengers instantly, while two other victims died later in the hospital.

He said 25 victims who sustained serious injuries were rushed to Kaura-Namoda General

Hospital for medical attention.

Abdussamad said the other accident occurred at Kwanar-Boko town, 20 kilometres from Kaura-Namoda, on the Kaura-Shinkafi Road.

He explained that a Peugeot 505 salon car, number plate AA746SKF, had a head-on collision with a Carina II vehicle, in which the passengers were burnt beyond rec-

ognition.

Abdussamad said 11 victims in the two vehicles, mostly children and women, died, while eight others escaped with various degrees of injury.

He said some of the victims were taken to the Federal Medical Centre, Gusau, while others were admitted at the General Hospital, Kaura-Namoda for treat-

ment.

Abdussamad noted with regret that in spite of the enlightenment campaigns on road safety and enforcement of traffic rules by the FRSC officers on the road, accidents still occurred on the highways.

He advised road users to always obey traffic regulations to reduce fatalities caused by road accidents in the country.

President Jonathan's labour-friendly—Minister

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ZAMFARA—MINISTER of Labour and Productivity, Chief Eme-ka Wogu, has said the administration of President Jonathan is labour-friendly and will do everything possible in line

with extant rules and regulations to improve the standard of living of all Nigerians.

The Minister stated this in a statement by Prince Samuel Olowookere, Assistant Director (Press), Ministry of Labour, in Gusau, Zamfara

State, at a reception held in honour of the newly sworn-in President of the Nigerian Union of Road Transport Workers, NURTW, Alhaji Najeem Usman Yasin by the Zamfara State Government.

According to Chief Wogu: "It will gladden you to hear that at the inception of this administration, Mr. President

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"Our administration is labour friendly and will continue to be labour friendly."

The Minister extended President Jonathan's condolence to members of the Union over the death of their former President Alhaji Gidado Hamman and extolled their ability to conduct a transition

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