

New Year day accident kills 2 in Katsina

KATSINA—KATSINA State Sector Command of Federal Roads Safety Commission, FRSC, yesterday, said two people died in a New Year day accident at Dandagoro, in Batagarawa Local Government area of the state.

Alhaji Habu Dauda, the FRSC Sector Commander, disclosed this in an interview with newsmen yesterday in Katsina. He said a man and a woman lost their lives in the accident, which occurred at 9.22pm on January 1.

Dauda said the accident involved an unmarked motorbike and a Volkswagen Golf 3 car, with plate number CF927ABC. He said one of the two men on the motorbike and a woman in the car died on the spot, while three other victims were rushed to the Katsina General Hospital.

Dauda advised motorists to avoid driving on the wrong lane, and to always abide by

traffic rules and regulations to forestall such incidence.

Traffic rules

He pledged that the FRSC would continue to enlighten road users on the dangers associated with wrong overtak-

ing, over speeding and reckless driving.

An eyewitness, Malam Musa Aliyu, blamed the incident on the motorbike operator, who was said to have collided with the car while riding on the wrong lane.

Gaidam presents N86.6bn budget

DAMATURU—GOVERNOR Ibrahim Gaidam of Yobe, yesterday, presented a budget of N86.6 billion for the 2013 fiscal year to the state House of Assembly for consideration and approval.

The budget, christened *Budget of Consolidating the Focused Socio-Economic Transformation Programme*, is N8.1 billion higher than that of 2012.

Gaidam said the budget would accord priority to the state's socio-economic devel-

opment, generate employment opportunities, and promote unity and peaceful co-existence.

Breakdown

A breakdown of the budget showed that 54.1 billion was for capital expenditure, while N32.5 billion was set aside for recurrent expenditure.

He said that N40.2 billion was expected from the statutory allocation, N9.5 billion from excess crude oil, N8 bil-

lion from VAT, N2.6 billion from Subsidy Re-investment Programme and N1 billion from ecological fund.

Immediately after Gaidam presented the budget, the legislators unanimously moved that the bill had passed its first and second reading.

The Speaker, Alhaji Dala Dogo, directed the House Committee on Finance to scrutinise the bill and report to the House within one week from yesterday.

revealed substances suspected to be Indian hemp.

It said when the accused persons were interrogated, they could not give a satisfactory account of the substances found on them.

The prosecutor, Insp. Zaccheaus Funsho, told the court that investigation into the case was ongoing and urged the court to remand the accused in prison.

Magistrate Mariam Ahmed ordered that the accused be remanded in Mondala Prison, Ilorin, and adjourned the case to January 14 for mention.