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4 dead, 15 injured in Bauchi auto crash

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Bauchi—Four people were, yesterday killed, while several others sustained injuries in separate motor accidents at Soro Town in Ganjuwa and Toro Local Government areas of Bauchi State.

State police spokesman, DSP Haruna Mohammed, who confirmed the two incidents, said the first which happened around 2.15pm in Ganjuwa local Government Area, involved a white Toyota bus driven by one 24-year-old Shafiu Juli of Gali village.

He was said to have lost control and ran into a jubilating crowd at Soro Town, along Bauchi Maiduguri Highway, leading to the death of two persons, while nine others sustained injuries.

According to him, the crowd at the scene of the accident accused the driver of ramming into the crowd, instead of diverting the bus elsewhere.

The PPRO said the deceased persons were basking in the euphoria of General Muhammadu Buhari's victory when they met their untimely death.

Mohammed also said the second crash occurred around 2.45pm in Toro Local Government Area, involving a green Volkswagen Passat car with number plate KTN 781 PG, driven by one Zubairu Alhassan, 20, of Toro council and a green Toyota Camry with number plate PB 983 AA, driven by one DSP Abel Afarayo, Commanding Officer, Police Special Protection Unit, SPU, Nasarawa State Command.

He said the accident happened when the driver of the green Volkswagen Passat attempted to overtake another vehicle in front of it and in the process, collided with the green Toyota Camry.

"The deceased persons include DSP Afarayo, who was travelling to Gombe for his wedding and the driver of the Volkswagen Passat vehicle.

"Six others, including a Commissioner of Police, Danladi Mamman, attached to SPU, Nasarawa State, sustained various degrees of injuries."