

CONSEQUENCES OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IN NIGERIA: TIME SERIES APPROACH

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Abstract: Road traffic accident in Nigeria is increasing at a worrying rate and has raised one of the country major concerns. We provided appropriate and suitable time series model for the consequences of road accident, the injured, killed and total casualty of the road accident in Nigeria. The most widely used conventional method, Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) model of time series, also known as Box-Jenkins method is applied to yearly data on the consequences of road accident data in Nigeria from 1960-2013 to determine patterns of road traffic accident consequences; injured, killed and total casualty of the road accident along the Nigeria motorway. Appropriate models are developed for the accident consequences; injured, killed and total casualty. ARIMA (0; 2; 1) model is obtained for the injury and total casualty consequences, whilst ARIMA(1,2,2) model is obtained for the killed consequences, using the data from 1960-2011. The adequacy and the performance of the model are tested on the remaining data from 2012 to 2013. Seven years forecast are provided using the developed models and showed that road traffic accident consequences examined; injured, killed and total casualty would continue to increase on average.

Keywords: ARIMA; forecast; injured; killed; casualty

1. INTRODUCTION

Road Traffic Accident occurs when there is collision of vehicle with another vehicle, pedestrian and animals among other, which at times result in injury, loss of property and death. As mentioned in [11], road traffic accident leads to approximately two million killed and approximately ten million injuries annually. Also, an estimated value of 3000 people die in the world as a result of road traffic accidents daily. A prediction of global leading causes of killed from 2008 to 2030 by World Health Organization revealed that, if current trends and patterns continue, road traffic accidents will increase from ninth to fifth of world leading cause of killed 3.6% of global killed, up from 2.2% in 2004 [11]. While, disability-adjusted life years will rise from ninth with 2.7% of total disability-adjusted life in 2004 to third and 4.9% of total disability-adjusted life in 2030 [10].

Nigeria, the most populous black country, has the highest rate of mortality from road accidents in the world according to statistics compiled by the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC). The country leads 43 other nations with killed in 10,000 vehicle crashes. Ethiopia ranked second with 219 killed per 10,000 vehicles while Malawi, took the third position and Ghana took the fourth position with 183 and 178 killed respectively [1].

Road traffic accidents is one of the leading causes of death among older children and economically active adults between the ages 30 and 49 years ([8];[9]; [6]). Considering the importance of the road and the increased level of road traffic accidents in recent years along the Nigeria roads, this study aimed at characterizing the road traffic accident in Nigeria by providing appropriate models that explain the consequences of killed, injured and the total casualty from road accident in the country so as to provide an enabling base for the development

of countermeasures by the government and the traffic control agents to reduce incidences of road traffic accident on the road.

Time series analysis encompasses methods for analyzing data ordered in time in order to develop appropriate model and other characteristics of the time ordered data. It is commonly used in the fields of business, economics, finance, agriculture among others, as appropriate tool for model building. It systematically examine the ordered data with the aim of studying dynamic regularities that may enable forecasting future or even controlling the variable, the forecast model will then be used to predict future values based on previously observed values. In theory, Auto-regressive Integrated Moving Averages ARIMA Models are the most universal class of models for forecasting a time series data. As proposed by Box and Jenkins, that in general, forecasting based on ARIMA models comprises of three different steps: Model Identification, Parameter estimation and Diagnostic checking. Until a desirable model for the data is identified, the three steps will be repeated [3]. The method of Box and Jenkins dictates an iterative process requiring a sound understanding of time series analysis technique, some degree of judgement and many rounds of trials [13].

Numerous works have been done on the analysis of Road accidents. [5] examined road accidents in Kuwait, he used an ARIMA model and compared it with ANN to predict killed in Kuwait, he concluded that ANN was better in case of long term series without seasonal fluctuations of accidents or autocorrelations' components. [4] used Bayesian Model for ranking hazardous road sites, their model made use of all relevant information per accident location, including the total number of accidents and the number of killed, as well as the number of slight and serious injuries. Moreover, the model included the use of a cost function to rank the sites with respect to their total expected cost to society.

A procedure of Road Traffic Injury (RTI) in China by using RTI data from 1951 to 2003 was established by [12]. A series of predictive equations on RTI were established based on ARIMA models. They concluded that time series models thus established proves to be of significant usefulness in RTI prediction. Two time series techniques; ARMA and Holt-Winters (HW) algorithm to predict annual motor vehicle crash killed were used by [7]. They concluded that the values predicted by ARMA models are a little bit higher than the ones obtained by HW algorithm. Intervention analysis with univariate Box-Jenkins method to identify whether a change in a particular policy had made an impact on the trends in killed and fatality rates in Illinois was used [2]. He developed ARIMA forecasting model for future trends in motorway killed in an effort to provide assistance to policy development in reducing fatality rates in Illinois.

Time series analysis have been used in many fields of research and road safety is no exception. The results of this research would also add to the many research works carried out in road safety.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Data used for the study is a secondary data, it was collected on yearly basis from the office of the Federal Road Safety Corps of Nigeria for the period 1960 to 2013. The data represents the total number of registered consequences of injuries, killed and total casualty for the period under study. The **Box and Jenkins** approach for time series analysis was employed for data analysis. According to **Box and Jenkins**, as mentioned above, the steps include, the identification of appropriate model for the data under study, estimation of model parameters, model diagnostic and adequacy checking and lastly, the model, if found appropriate would be used for forecasting. Data from 1960 to 2011 are used for models building, while, data from 2012 to 2013 are used for models validation and forecast values of the best models for the variables under study are obtained from 2014 to 2020. Meanwhile, It is worth mentioning here that because of the volume of the work, the best models out of several competing models that explain the variables under study are only included in the work.

3. MODEL BUILDING

The first step in model building is to obtain the time plot of the data. This will give us an insight of the behaviour of the series. Figures (1a, 1b, and 1c) show the time series plot of injuries consequences, killed consequences and total casualty from the total number of road accident in Nigeria.

The plots exhibit upward and downward movement for all the three variables under study, with some significant upward and downward trends at some parts of the series. The mean and variance of the variables are not stable and varies with time.

The autocorrelation function of the studied variables has shown in Figure (2a), Figure (2b) and Figure (3) describe the correlation between values of the studied variables at different points in time, as a function of the time difference. The first several autocorrelations are persistently large and trailed off to zero rather slowly for all the three variables and their spikes

also went of the autocorrelations limit at lag 13 the variables under study.

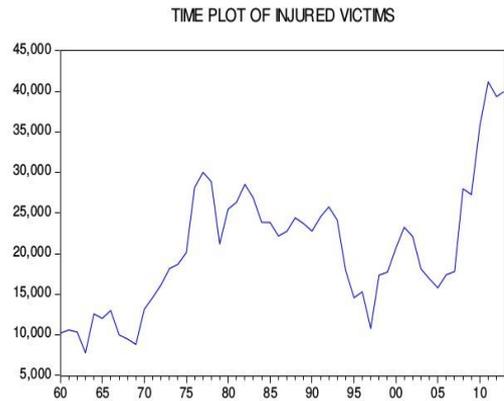


Figure 1a: Time Series Plot of Injured Victims from Road Accidents in Nigeria.

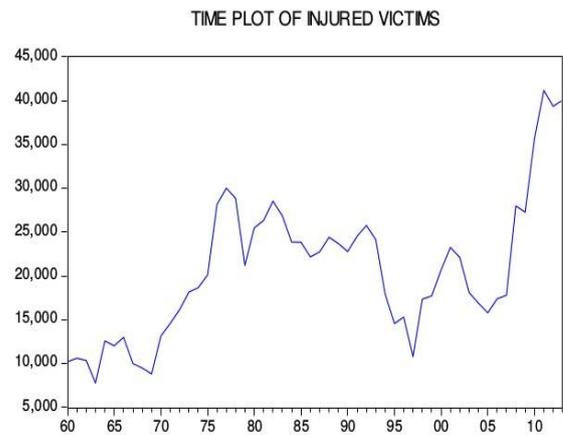
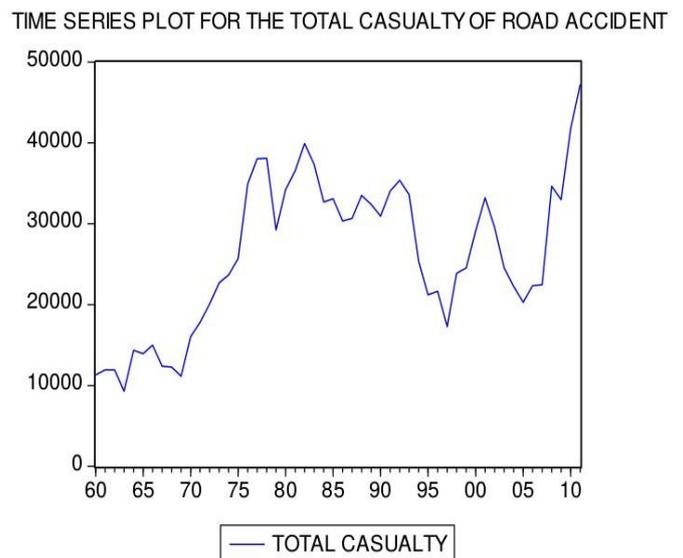


Figure 1b: Time Series Plots of killed from Road Accidents in Nigeria.



Figures 1c: Time Series Plot of Total Casualty from Road Accidents in Nigeria.

The Augmented Dickey Fuller test as given in Figures (4a and 4b) and Figure (5) give a p-value of 0.91 for the injured

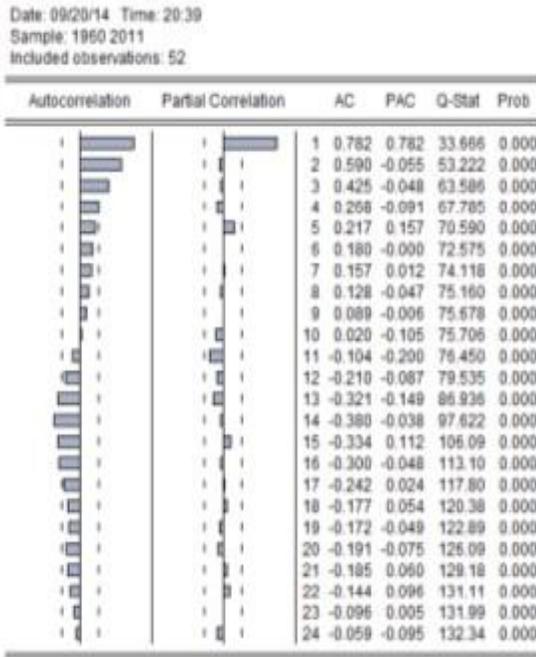


Figure 2a: Correlogram Plot of the Injured Victims Nigeria

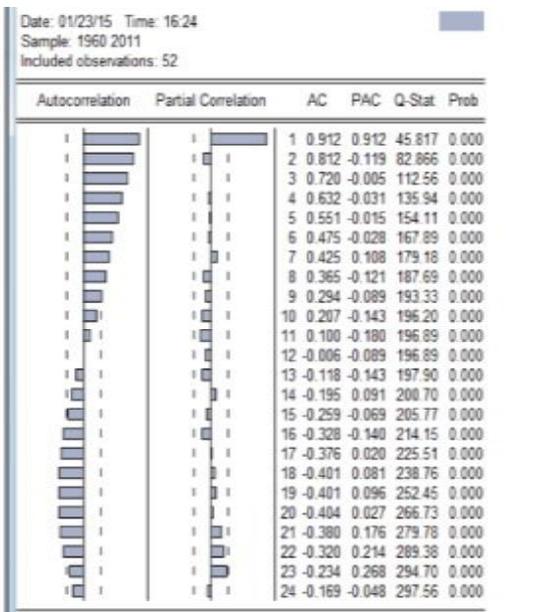


Figure 2b: Correlogram Plot of the killed from Road Accidents in Nigeria

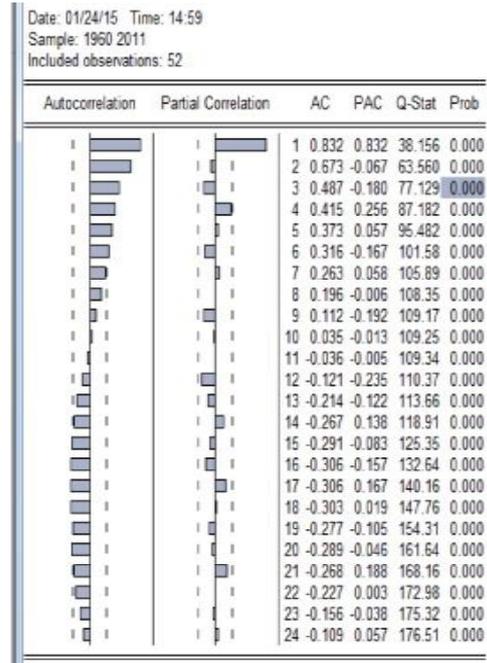


Figure 3: Correlogram Plot of the Total Casualty from Road Accidents in Nigeria.

Null Hypothesis: IJ has a unit root
 Exogenous: None
 Lag Length: 0 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=10)

	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	0.970792	0.9100
Test critical values:		
1% level	-2.611094	
5% level	-1.947381	
10% level	-1.612725	

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.

Figure 4a: Unit Root Test of Injured consequences from Road Accidents in Nigeria.

Null Hypothesis: KL has a unit root
 Exogenous: None
 Lag Length: 0 (Automatic based on SIC, MAXLAG=10)

	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-0.109354	0.6412
Test critical values:		
1% level	-2.611094	
5% level	-1.947381	
10% level	-1.612725	

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.

Figure 4b: Unit Root Test of killed from Road Accidents in Nigeria.

victims, 0.6412 for the killed consequences and 0.8779 for the total casualty, these indicate the presence of unit roots for the series. All these aforementioned characteristics of the studied variables show that the series are not stationary, thus require differencing.

Null Hypothesis: TOTC has a unit root
 Exogenous: None
 Lag Length: 0 (Automatic based on SIC, MAXLAG=10)

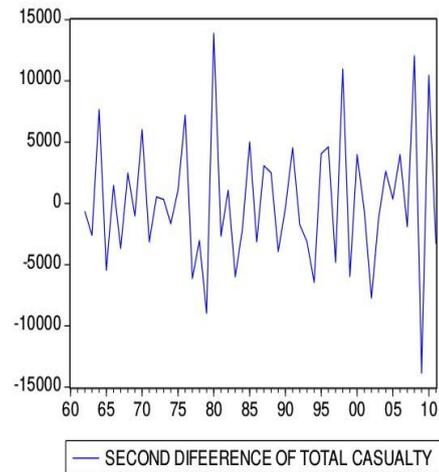
	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	0.775684	0.8779
Test critical values:		
1% level	-2.611094	
5% level	-1.947381	
10% level	-1.612725	

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.

Figure (5): Unit Root Test of total casualty from Road Accidents in Nigeria.

Figures (6a, 6b, and 6c), show the second difference of the studied variables, the series look more stable around the mean, which shows that the variables are now stationary. All the three variables become stationary after taken second non-seasonal difference

TIME SERIES PLOT OF THE SECOND DIFFERENCE FOR THE TOTAL CASUALTY



SECOND DIFFERENCE PLOT OF INJURED VICTIMS DATA

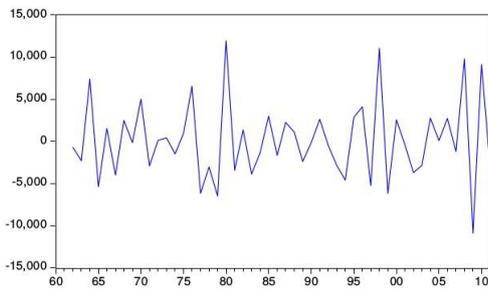


Figure 6a: Time Series Plot of the Second Difference for the Injured Victims consequences of Road Accidents.

TIME SERIES PLOT OF THE SECOND DIFFERENCE FOR THE TOTAL KILLED CASES

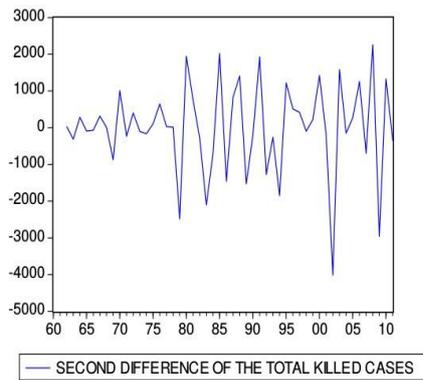


Figure 6b: Time Series Plot of the Second Difference for the killed consequences of Road Accidents.

Figure 6c: Time Series Plot of the Second Difference for the Injured Victims, killed and Total Casualty consequences of Road Accidents.

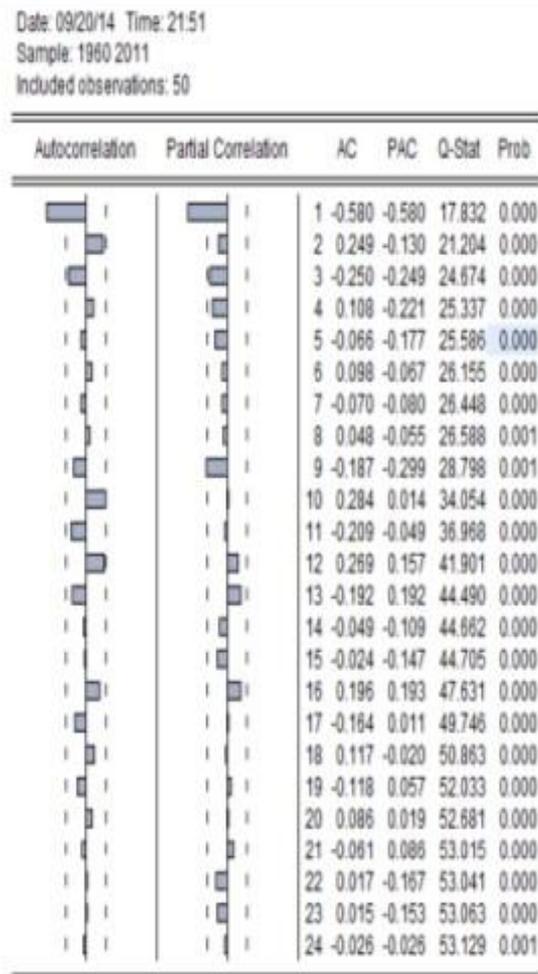


Figure 7a: Correlogram Plot of the Second Difference for the Injured Victims consequences of Road Accidents.

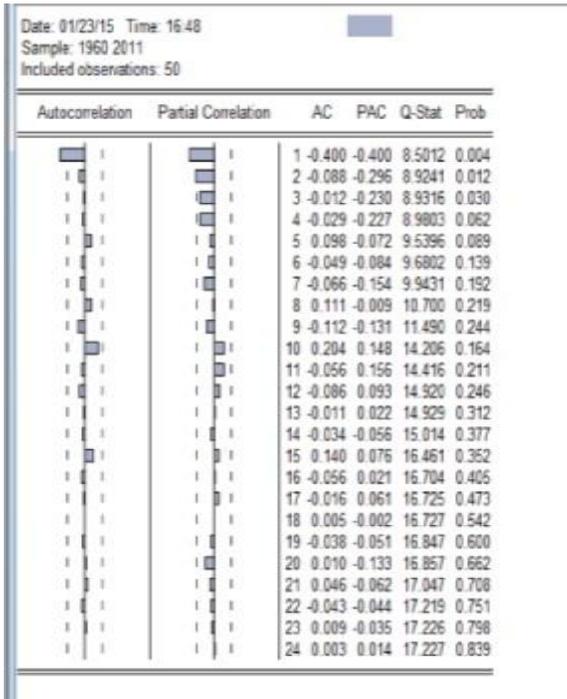


Figure 7b: Correlogram Plots of the Second Difference for the killed consequences of Road Accidents.

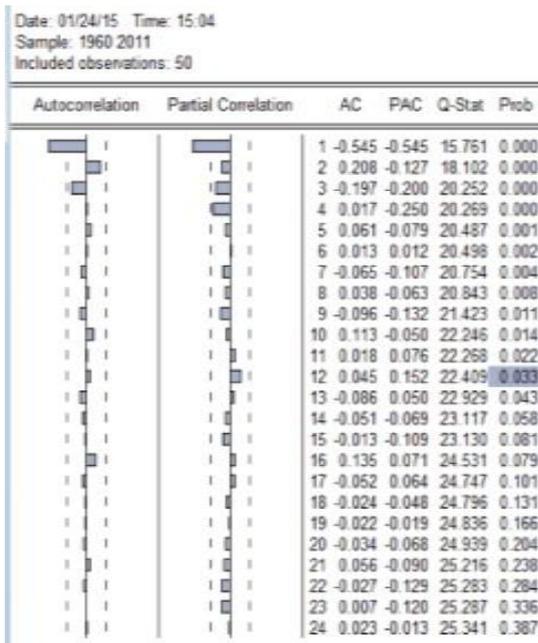


Figure 7c: Correlogram Plots of the Second Difference for the Total Casualty consequences of Road Accidents.

The autocorrelation functions of the second difference for the studied variables, has shown in Figures (7a, 7b, and 7c), also confirm that the second difference are now stationary. Also, the Augmented Dickey Fuller test as given in Figures (8a, 8b, and 8c) gave a p-value of 0.000 for the Injured victims, 0.0004 for the killed consequences and 0.000 for the total casualty, these also indicate the absence of unit roots in the series, which confirm that the second differenced series are stationary.

UNIT ROOT TEST AFTER SECOND DIFFERENCE.

Null Hypothesis: DIJN has a unit root
 Exogenous: None
 Lag Length: 0 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=10)

	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-13.42695	0.0000
Test critical values:		
1% level	-2.613010	
5% level	-1.947665	
10% level	-1.612573	

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.

Figure 8a: Unit Root Test for the Second Difference for the Injured Victims consequences of Road Accidents.

Null Hypothesis: DKL has a unit root
 Exogenous: Constant
 Lag Length: 0 (Automatic based on SIC, MAXLAG=2)

	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-5.918669	0.0004
Test critical values:		
1% level	-4.004425	
5% level	-3.098896	
10% level	-2.690439	

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.
 Warning: Probabilities and critical values calculated for 20 observations and may not be accurate for a sample size of 14

Figure 8b: Unit Root Tests for the Second Difference for the killed consequences of Road Accidents.

Null Hypothesis: DTOTC has a unit root
 Exogenous: None
 Lag Length: 0 (Automatic based on SIC, MAXLAG=10)

	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-12.76199	0.0000
Test critical values:		
1% level	-2.613010	
5% level	-1.947665	
10% level	-1.612573	

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.

Figure 8c: Unit Root Tests for the Second Difference for the Total Casualty consequences of Road Accidents.

By comparing the autocorrelations functions with their error limits, the only significant autocorrelations are at lag 1 for all the three variables, that is, the autocorrelations cut off after lag one which shows the existence of MA(1) behavior. Similarly, the partial autocorrelations also cut off after lag one for the injured consequences and total casualty, this indicates the existence of AR(1) for the two variables (that is, injured consequences and total casualty). Meanwhile, the partial autocorrelation cuts off after lag two for the killed consequences, which shows the existence of AR(1) and AR(2) for the variable. Based on the features of the correlogram plots of the stationary series, the following model in Figure (1), are suggested.

Injured Victims	killed	Total Casualty
ARIMA(0,2,1)	ARIMA(0,2,2)	ARIMA(0,2,1)
ARIMA(1,2,0)	ARIMA(1,2,2)	ARIMA(1,2,0)
ARIMA(1,2,1)	ARIMA(1,2,3)	ARIMA(1,2,1)

Table 1: Suggested Models Based on the Correlogram Plots

Each of the model is assessed based on its parameter estimates, the corresponding diagnostics of the residuals, the AIC and SIC in order to select the best model for forecasting into the future. Meanwhile, out of all the competing models that explain the variable of interest, the best models are; ARIMA(0,2,1) for the Injured Victims consequences, ARIMA(1,2,2) for killed consequences and ARIMA(0,2,1) for the total casualty. The models are given in Figures (9a, 9b, and 10).

Time Series Models for the Injured Victims, killed and Total Casualty consequences of Road Accidents are given in Figures (9a, 9b, and 10), the models coefficients are significant and all the inverted AR roots satisfy the minimum stationarity condition, the invertibility condition of MA is satisfied and also. Also, the Durbin-Watson statistics is not far from 2, which implies that there is no serial correlation in the model residual, that is the model residual is not forecastable.

MODEL OUTPUT OF INJURED CASES, ARIMA(0,2,1)

Dependent Variable: D(I,2)
 Method: Least Squares
 Date: 09/20/14 Time: 16:27
 Sample (adjusted): 1962 2011
 Included observations: 50 after adjustments
 Convergence achieved after 8 iterations
 MA Backcast: 1961

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
MA(1)	-0.954388	0.031563	-30.23748	0.0000

R-squared	0.438091	Mean dependent var	101.5200
Adjusted R-squared	0.438091	S.D. dependent var	4692.813
S.E. of regression	3517.759	Akaike info criterion	19.18883
Sum squared resid	6.06E+08	Schwarz criterion	19.22707
Log likelihood	-478.7208	Hannan-Quinn criter.	19.20340
Durbin-Watson stat	1.861128		

Inverted MA Roots	.95
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Figure 9a: Time Series Models for the Injured Victims consequences of Road Accidents.

Dependent Variable: D(KL,2)
 Method: Least Squares
 Date: 01/23/15 Time: 16:50
 Sample (adjusted): 1963 2011
 Included observations: 49 after adjustments
 Convergence achieved after 20 iterations
 Backcast: 1961 1962

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
AR(1)	-0.832466	0.089079	-9.345282	0.0000
MA(2)	-0.968707	0.040191	-24.10259	0.0000

R-squared	0.459802	Mean dependent var	-5.367347
Adjusted R-squared	0.448308	S.D. dependent var	1281.902
S.E. of regression	952.1448	Akaike info criterion	16.59527
Sum squared resid	42609245	Schwarz criterion	16.67249
Log likelihood	-404.5841	Durbin-Watson stat	1.925381

Inverted AR Roots	-.83
Inverted MA Roots	.98

Figure 9b: Time Series Models for the killed consequences of Road Accidents.

Date: 01/24/15 Time: 14:57
 Sample (adjusted): 1962 2011
 Included observations: 50 after adjustments
 Convergence achieved after 9 iterations
 Backcast: 1961

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
MA(1)	-0.959777	0.028209	-34.02330	0.0000

R-squared	0.427033	Mean dependent var	96.96000
Adjusted R-squared	0.427033	S.D. dependent var	5545.392
S.E. of regression	4197.560	Akaike info criterion	19.54219
Sum squared resid	8.63E+08	Schwarz criterion	19.58043
Log likelihood	-487.5548	Durbin-Watson stat	1.815913

Inverted MA Roots	.96
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Figure 10: Time Series Models for the consequences of Road Accidents

Also, all the Q-Stat of the correlogram plot of models residuals are greater than 0.05 for the lags as given in Figures (11a and 11b) and Figure (12), these imply that the model residuals are White-Noise, that is adjacent observations are not related (random) and which support the fact that the models may be the appropriate models for the observed time series.

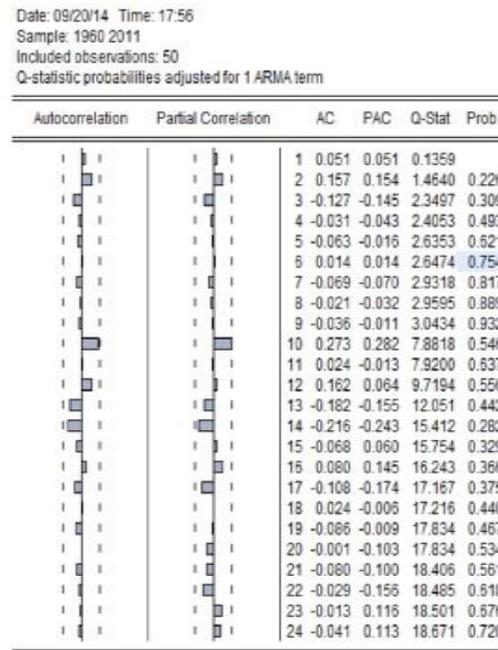


Figure 11a: Correlogram Plot of the Residuals for the Injured Victims killed of Road Accidents.

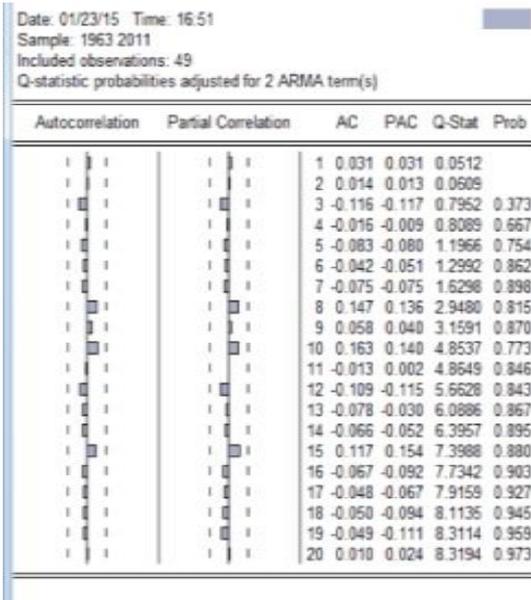


Figure 11b: Correlogram Plot of the Residuals for the killed of Road Accidents.

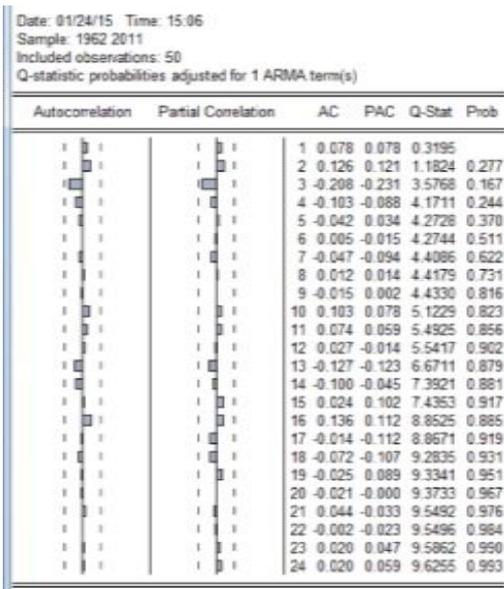


Figure 12: Correlogram Plot of the Total Casualty consequences of Road Accidents.

Figure 13a: Unit Root Test for the Injured Victims consequences of Road Accidents.

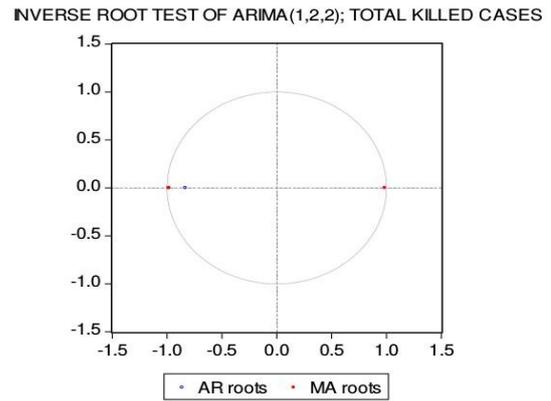
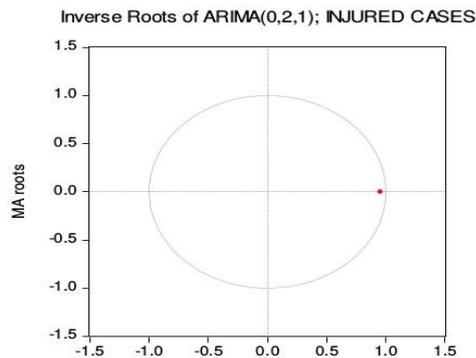


Figure 13b: Unit Root Test for the killed consequences of Road Accidents.

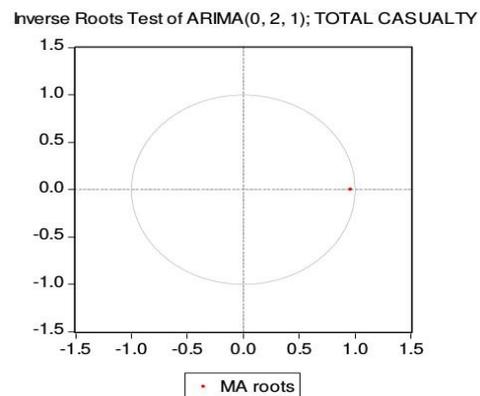


Figure 13c: Unit Root Test for the Total Casualty consequences of Road Accidents.

The unit roots tests of the models as given in Figures (13a, 13b, and 13c), show that the inverse roots of the models are within a unit circle, which confirmed that the models in Figures (9a, and 9b) and Figure (10) are stationary and invertible. Thus, the models can be written as general linear form

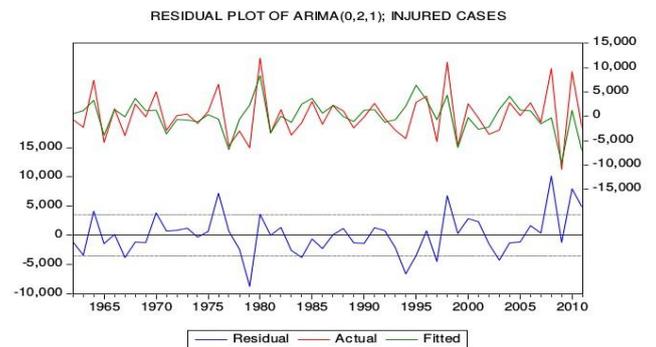


Figure 14a: Residual Plot for the Injured Victims consequences of Road Accidents.

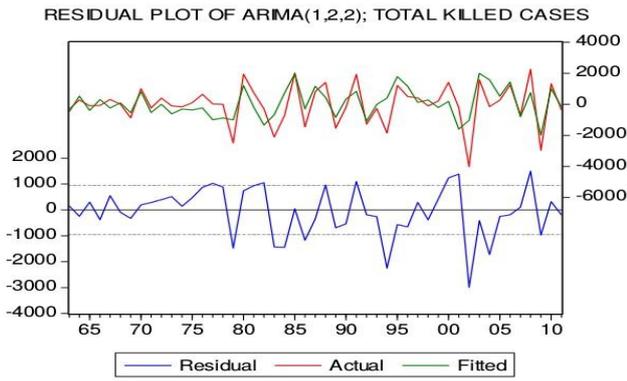


Figure 14b: Residual Plot for the killed consequences of Road Accidents.

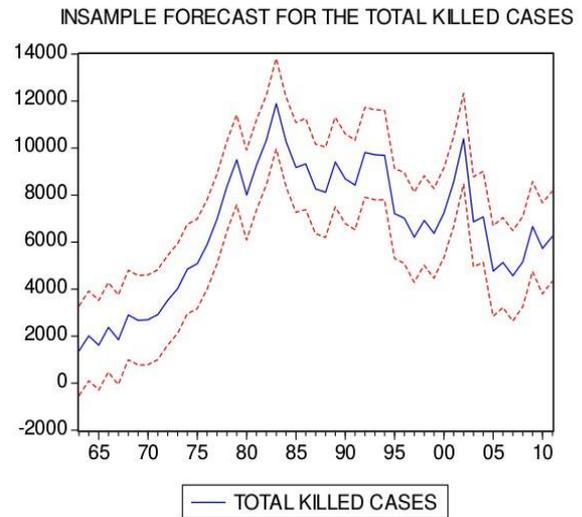


Figure 15b: In-sample Forecast Graph for the killed cases.

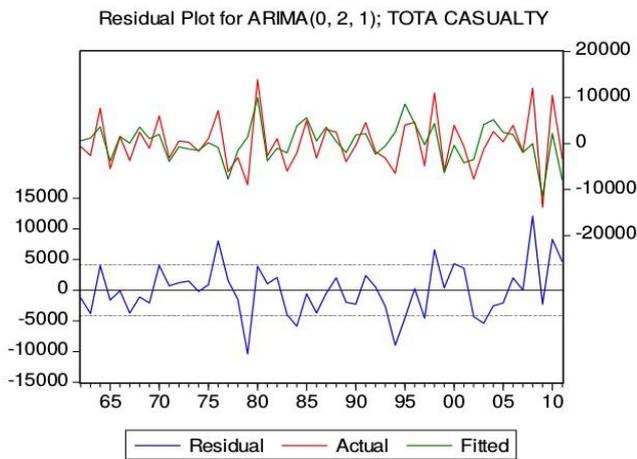


Figure 14c: Residual Plot for the Total Casualty consequences of Road Accidents.

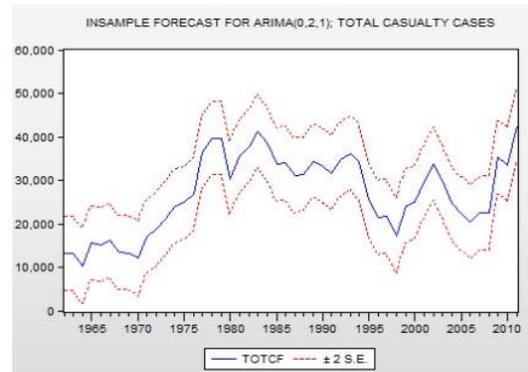
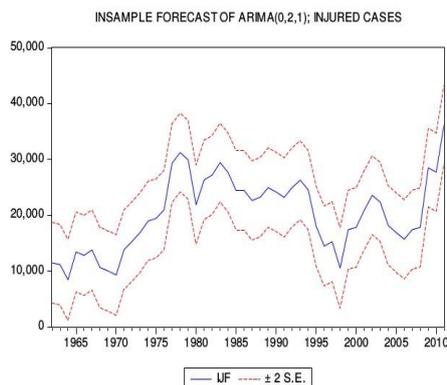


Figure 15c: In-sample Forecast Graph for the Total Casualties.

The residual plots of the models as shown in Figures (14a, 14b, and 14c), also confirm that the models residuals are random and non-forecastable, which implies that the models are good.

Figures (15a, 15b, and 15c) gives the visual representation of the original Injured consequences, killed consequences and the Total casualty consequences, the data (blue line) and confidence interval (red

Figure 15a: In-sample Forecast Graph for the Injured cases.



Forecast: IJF	
Actual: IJ	
Forecast sample: 1960 2011	
Adjusted sample: 1962 2011	
Included observations: 50	
Root Mean Squared Error	3482.404
Mean Absolute Error	2545.251
Mean Absolute Percentage Error	13.77604
Theil Inequality Coefficient	0.081381
Bias Proportion	0.000286
Variance Proportion	0.015474
Covariance Proportion	0.984240

Figure 16a: In-sample Forecast Evaluation for the Injured cases.

Forecast: KLF
 Actual: KL
 Forecast sample: 1960 2013
 Adjusted sample: 1963 2013
 Included observations: 51

Root Mean Squared Error	912.4187
Mean Absolute Error	682.1671
Mean Absolute Percentage Error	10.24490
Theil Inequality Coefficient	0.064911
Bias Proportion	0.009011
Variance Proportion	0.016297
Covariance Proportion	0.974692

Figure 16b: In-sample Forecast Evaluation for the killed cases.

Forecast: TOTCF
 Actual: TOTC
 Forecast sample: 1960 2011
 Adjusted sample: 1962 2011
 Included observations: 50

Root Mean Squared Error	4155.372
Mean Absolute Error	3159.498
Mean Absolute Percentage Error	12.78031
Theil Inequality Coefficient	0.073602
Bias Proportion	0.00689
Variance Proportion	0.001886
Covariance Proportion	0.997424

Figure 17: In-sample Forecast Evaluation for the Total Casualties

3.1 MODEL VALIDATION

Table 2: Validation Table for ARIMA(0,2,1) Model of Injured consequences.

Year	Injured consequences	Forecast	% Variation
2012	39348	42213.26	7.28%
2013	40057	43261.51	7.99%

After determining the best-fit model for the series and estimating related parameters, the third phase of Box-Jenkins fitting model was evaluated for series prediction. Using the

ARIMA (0,2,1) model, the model predicted that in 2012 an approximately 42213.26 Injure consequences, this gives 7.28% percentage increase when compared with the real value of 39348 Injured consequences. Also, the model predicted that in 2013 an approximately 43261.51 Injure consequences, this gives 7.99% percentage increment when compared with the real value of 40057 Injured consequences as given in Table (2).

Table 3: Validation Table for ARIMA(1,2,2) Model of Killed consequences.

Year	killed consequences	Forecast	% Variation
2012	6092	6046.28	-0.75%
2013	6544	6236.27	-4.702%

Also, Table (3) gives the model validation for ARIMA (1,2,2) model. The model predicted that in 2012 an approximately 6046.28 killed consequences of accident, this gives 0.75% percentage decrease when compared with the real value of 6092 killed consequences. Also, the model predicted that in 2013 an approximately 6236.27 killed consequences, this gives 4.702% percentage decrease when compared with the real value of 6544 killed consequences.

Table 4: Validation Table for ARIMA(0,2,1) Model of Total Casualty.

Lastly, Table (4) gives the model validation for ARIMA (0,2,1) model. The model predicted that in 2012 an approximately 46504.31 Total casualty consequences of accident, this gives 2.34% percentage increase when

Year	Total Casualy	Forecast	% Variation
2012	45440	46504.31	2.34%
2013	46601	46838.61	0.51%

compared with the real value of 4544 total casualty consequences. Also, the model predicted that in 2013 an approximately 46838.61 total casualty consequences, this gives 0.51% percentage increase when compared with the real value of 46601 killed consequences.

3.2 Models Forecasting

Table 5: Forecast Table for ARIMA(0,2,1) Model of Injured consequences.

Year	Lower Control Limit	Forecast	Upper Control Limit
2014	31660.6	44309.8	56959.2
2015	30375.7	45358.1	60340.4
2016	29235.8	46406.3	63576.8
2017	28186.1	47454.5	66722.9
2018	27195.4	48502.8	69810.2
2019	26243.8	49551.1	72858.3
2020	25318.2	50599.3	75880.4

Table 6: Forecast Table for ARIMA(1,2,2) Model of killed consequences.

Year	Lower Control Limit	Forecast	Upper Control Limit
2014	2775.5	6261.7	9747.9
2015	2299.2	6424.1	10549.0
2016	1853.8	6472.4	11091.0
2017	1481.3	6615.8	11750.2
2018	1107.5	6680.0	12252.5
2019	785.5	6810.1	12834.6
2020	455.6	6885.4	13315.2

Table 7: Forecast Table for ARIMA(0,2,1) Model of Total Casualty consequences.

Year	Lower Control Limit	Forecast	Upper Control Limit
2014	32833.4	47415.9	61998.3
2015	30053.2	47145.8	64238.5
2016	27649.7	46679.6	65709.6
2017	26135.3	46897.7	67660.1
2018	24745.0	47274.3	69803.6
2019	22911.4	47098.1	71284.9
2020	21177.0	46794.0	72410.9

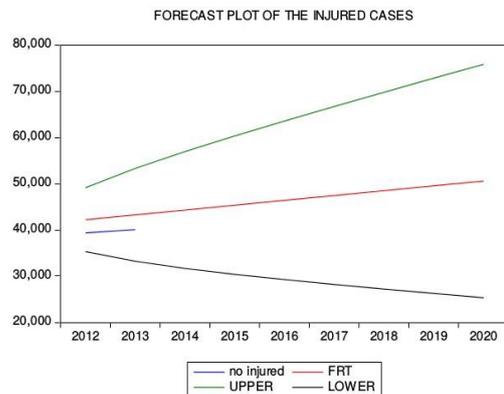


Figure 18a: Forecast Plot for the Injured cases.

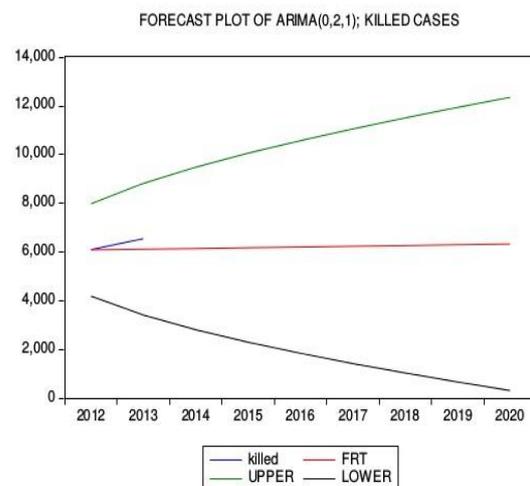


Figure 18b: Forecast Plot for the killed cases.

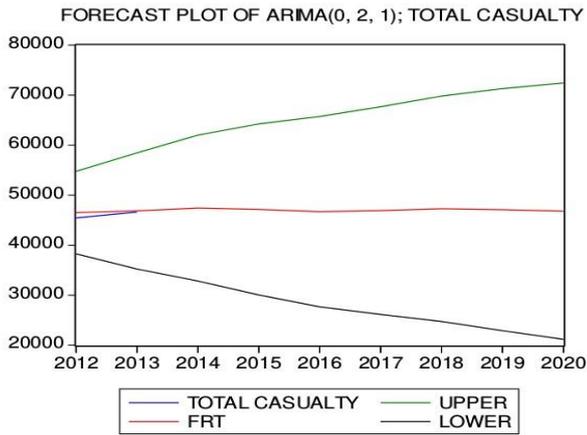


Figure 18c: Forecast Plot for the Total Casualties.

3.3 General Difference Form of the Models.

The general difference of ARIMA (0,2,1); Injured consequences is given as,

$$Y_t = 2Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2} + e_t - \theta_1 e_{t-1},$$

$$Y_t = 2Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2} + e_t - \theta_1 e_{t-1}.$$

Substituting the value θ as given in Figure (9a), then the model for the Injured consequences becomes,

$$Y_t = 2Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2} + e_t + 0.954388e_{t-1}.$$

Also, the general difference of ARIMA (1,2,2); killed consequences is given as,

$$Y_t = 2Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2} + \psi_1(Y_{t-1} - 2Y_{t-2} + Y_{t-3}) + e_t - \theta_1 e_{t-1} - \theta_2 e_{t-2},$$

but $\theta_1 = 0$,

$$Y_t = (2 + \psi_1)Y_{t-1} - (1 + 2\psi_1)Y_{t-2} + \psi_1 Y_{t-3} + e_t - \theta_2 e_{t-2}.$$

Substituting the values of ψ and θ as given in Figure (9b), then the model for the killed consequences becomes,

$$Y_t = 1.167534Y_{t-1} + 0.66492Y_{t-2} - 0.832466Y_{t-3} + e_t + 0.968707e_{t-2}.$$

Lastly, the general difference of ARIMA (0,2,1); total casualty consequences is given as,

$$Y_t = 2Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2} + e_t - \theta_1 e_{t-1},$$

$$Y_t = 2Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2} + e_t - \theta_1 e_{t-1},$$

Substituting the value θ as given in Figure (10), then the model for the total casualty consequences becomes,

$$Y_t = 2Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2} + e_t + 0.959777e_{t-1}.$$

4. Discussion

Road traffic accident in Nigeria is increasing at a worrying and alarming rate and has raised one of the country major concerns. Federal Road Safety Corps of Nigeria recognizes the negative impacts of road safety accident and has commended the positive contribution of road safety researches as necessary tools to have significant accident initiatives. The paper was carried out in order to identify the patterns of road traffic accident consequences; injured, killed and total casualty by developing appropriate time series ARIMA models and predict 7 years consequences of road traffic

accident; injured, killed and total casualty along the Nigeria motorway.

Time series analysis of the data from the years 1960-2013 showed that patterns of road traffic accident consequence; injured; killed and total casualty are increasing along the Nigeria motorway. The most widely used conventional method of time series known as Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) model was applied to the annual-consequence of road accident data in Nigeria from 1960-2013 to determine patterns of road traffic accident consequences; injured, killed and total casualty of the road accident along the Nigeria motorway. After identifying various tentative models the appropriate models for the accident consequences; injured, killed and total casualty. ARIMA (0,2,1) model was found to be suitable model for the injury and total casualty consequences, whilst ARIMA(1,2,2) model was found to be suitable model for the killed consequences using the data from 1960-2011. The adequacy and performance of the model were tested on the remaining data from 2012 to 2013.

We provided 7 years forecasts of the consequences of road accident using the models developed and they showed that, road traffic accident consequences examined; injured, killed and total casualty will continue to increase. The study also revealed that road traffic accident cases; injured and killed along the motorway would continue to increase over the next 7 years. This study has provided reliable and genuine information that could be useful for determining road accident rate on Nigeria motorway and provide necessary prevention for the unwanted act. The study will also be used for providing important information in raising the level of awareness among stakeholders in road safety, since the problem has become a growing rife in Nigeria and also, be useful in setting priorities when planning road traffic accident interventions. Most importantly, this study will provide expected benefit to the road users, Federal Road Safety Corps, researchers and other stakeholders in understanding the future rate of the consequences of road accident.

5. RECOMMENDATION

We have derived appropriate ARIMA Models that explain the behaviour and also the future patterns of the consequences of Road Accident along motor highway in Nigeria. Meanwhile, caution should be exercise in using the model, as it should not be used beyond the forecasted period, this is mainly because long time forecast may give arbitrary large forecast. Also, appropriate laws should be made to caution drivers that over-speed beyond the standard. Strict laws should be made to enforce the use of seat-belt among the driver and also, the passenger sitting in the front seat. This if enforced may reduce the critical state of the accident.

The Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC) and all the stakeholders in charge of motorway in Nigeria should ensure proper maintenance of the motorway, it should be maintained in terms of the use of appropriate materials for patching pot holes, provision of street lights to aid visibility in the night, installation of traffic lights at new intersections created along the road. Also, proper education should be made known to the drivers on how to overtake on the motorway.

Appropriate training and retraining of drivers should be encourage towards reducing the carnage on over roads this will greatly reduce the rate of road traffic accident in the country. Road signals and signs that guide and instruct the drivers on what is happening in some kilometers ahead should always be made available on the motorway. Drivers should be discourage from receiving or making calls while driving.

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