

Policewoman, one other killed as truck rams into shops in Gombe

A policewoman and one other person were reportedly killed when a truck rammed into shops at the New Mile 3 Market on the outskirts of Gombe metropolis.

The accident occurred on Wednesday along the Gombe-Yola federal highway when a truck loaded with bags of grains rammed into the shops, killing the policewoman and another person, while injuring two others, including the driver.

Eyewitnesses said the driver, who was coming from the Taraba State axis, suffered brake failure, lost control of the vehicle and subsequently rammed the truck into nearby shops, destroying property and injuring traders and passers-by in the process.

The Gombe State Police Command confirmed the incident, stating that the accident involved a DAF truck with registration number XH 122 GME, three motorcycles, pedestrians, and nearby shops.

Buhari Abdullahi, the police spokesperson in Gombe, said preliminary investigation revealed that the truck driver, while attempting to enter a filling station through a one-way access, reportedly suffered brake failure, lost control of the vehicle and rammed into motorcycles, pedestrians and shops.

“As a result of the accident, two persons – a female police constable, Sharifa Gaina, attached to the Communications Department of the Gombe State Command, and one unidentified male pedestrian, regrettably lost their lives, while two other persons, including the truck driver, sustained injuries and are currently receiving treatment,” Abdullahi said.

Meanwhile, Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, who expressed sadness over the tragic road accident, said the incident was particularly painful because of the reported loss of a police officer and other victims.