

Five die, eight injured in Niger road crash

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Five persons have been confirmed dead, while eight others sustained critical injuries in a road crash that occurred on Sunday in Agaie, Agaie Local Government Area of **Niger State**.

The Desk Officer of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in Agaie Local Government Area, Mr Hussaini Guregi, confirmed the incident to reporters.

Guregi said the accident involved a trailer conveying about 40 passengers and a tanker.

He explained that the trailer was travelling from Gusau in Zamfara to Shagamu in Ogun State when the crash occurred.

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According to him, five persons died on the spot, while the injured were taken to the General Hospital, Agaie, for treatment.

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“The accident was caused by a faulty tanker stationed on the road and an attempted overtake by another trailer.

“As the trailer conveying the passengers attempted to avoid the tanker, it lost control and crashed,” he said.

Guregi added that the remains of the deceased had been deposited at the General Hospital, Agaie morgue.

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