

Speeding truck kills three, injures 40 in Yobe

January 22, 2026 12:30 am



Scene of the accident. Photo:Kasim Isa Muhammad

| Kasim Isa Muhammad

At least three persons were confirmed dead on Wednesday after a Canter truck rammed into people sitting by the roadside along the Gombe–Potiskum Road in Yobe State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that about 40 others sustained varying degrees of injuries in the fatal crash, which occurred at about 2:30 pm near Badejo town in the Potiskum Local Government Area, a busy stretch of the expressway.

Eyewitnesses said the truck appeared to be moving at high speed before it lost control and struck those sitting along the roadside.

The Yobe State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Paul Andrew, confirmed the incident to *PUNCH Metro* in a phone call.

Andrew said, “The crash occurred at about 2:30 pm near Badejo town along the Gombe–Potiskum expressway. It involved a canter vehicle that rammed into people sitting by the roadside, causing multiple casualties.”

He added that preliminary investigations pointed to overloading and speeding as the major factors.

Related News

Suspects at large after guard’s killing in Yobe

Faulty handbrake blamed as Gombe crash kills two

Suspected motorcycle snatcher impersonating FRSC operative arrested in Kano

“From our findings so far, the crash was caused by overloading and speeding. The driver lost control of the canter while negotiating the busy section of the road, and unfortunately, this led to the deaths and injuries,” he said.

Andrew explained that the vehicle was heading towards the Potiskum cattle market on a busy market day.

“The canter was coming to the Potiskum cattle market because it was market day, and there was heavy movement of people and vehicles along the route. Such busy conditions demand extreme caution, yet overloading and speeding remain major problems,” he added.

He also highlighted the response efforts of the corps and emergency teams.

“The injured were quickly rescued and taken to nearby hospitals for treatment, while the deceased were evacuated by our operatives. Our teams also ensured that the road was cleared to prevent further accidents. I want to urge all drivers to stop overloading and speeding, especially on market days, as these violations continue to cause avoidable loss of lives,” he said.

The Gombe–Potiskum Road is a major commercial corridor in the Northeast and often records heavy vehicular and roadside activity during market days.