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Lagos, Nigeria - Adnunk driver rammed his car into seven people. including a local chieftain of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Nigeria's northern town of Birnin Kebbi, killing all of them, the private Daily Trust newspaper reported Tuesday.

Murtala Lauje, described as a well-known political thug in the area, Monday drove his car at high speed to the residence of the PDP chieftain, Ibrahim Dan-Illela, who was sitting in front of his house with some of his political associates, and rammed into them.

Five of them died on the spot while two others died at the Public Service Ads by Google hospital.

Because the driver belonged to a rival faction of the PDP, associates of Dan-Ilela believed there was a political motive to the accident.

But the police, who confirmed the arrest of the driver after he was rescued from an angry mob, said they were treating it as an accident until the conclusion of their investigation.

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