Driver dies in auto crash as three escape death

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Tragedy struck in Mararaba, Nasarawa state, last Friday night, when a driver of a brown Gulf car with registration number AL 304 YAB lost his life after skidding off the Abuja-Keffi road and crashed into a provisions store opposite City Rock Hotel, Mararaba.

A customer who came to purchase provisions from the store and two shop attendants were however lucky as they escaped unhurt.

Abdul Rasheed Hassan, the store manager, told *City News* that he left his brother, Isah Yahaya and a customer in the front of the store to get change in the inner room and the next thing he heard was a loud bang that shook the store.

"At around 9.15pm, somebody came to buy provisions and needed change, which made me go inside, thereby leaving the person with my brother outside. All of a sudden, all of us heard the sound of a car brake and its collision with an object," he said.

Hassan disclosed that while his brother and the customer took to their heels to save their lives, he was inside the store when the car rammed into it.

He said the driver died instantly as a result of a head injury which he said broke his skull and exposed his brain.

When *City News* reporter visited the scene, the corpse of the driver had been taken off by the police. Sympathizers were seen around the store attendants thanking God for saving their lives.

At the Mararaba police station, a police officer who confirmed the accident said the driver's corpse was deposited at a mortuary while investigation was on to unravel the identity of the driver and what caused the accident.