

Six journalists, driver die in Jos

Tragedy struck in Jos yesterday as six journalists and the driver of the bus conveying them died in an auto crash on the Shendam road while many others sustained injuries in the same accident.

The journalists who were in Governor Joshua Dariye's convoy, were on their way to Jos from Dengi in Plateau South local government area where the governor had gone to commission some projects.

The dead journalists were the Jos correspondents of the *Champion*, *New Nigerian*, *The Nation* and *Leadership* newspapers, the *News Agency of Nigeria* (NAN) and the *African Independent*

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Television (AIT). Their names are being withheld because their families were yet to be informed as at press time. *Daily Trust* Jos correspondent, Andrew Agbese, is among those injured.

Eye witness accounts said the accident occurred at about 4 p.m when the 14-seater bus conveying the journalists summersaulted thrice, sequel to a burst rear tyre.

The bodies of the dead journalists including a lady, have been deposited at the *Nigeria Airforce* hospital, Jos, while the injured were taken to Shendam hospital.