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Two persons were feared dead yesterday in a fatal road accident involving the vehicle conveying security personnel on the convoy of the Plateau State governor, Jonah Jang.

The accident was said to have occurred at Riyom local govern-ment of the state when the gover-nor and his entourage were retur-ning from Kaduna, where he had gone to attend the Northern Go-vernors' Forum meeting.

The vehicle, a Toyota Hi-lux van, was said to have had a head on collision with another van coming in the opposite direction which was conveying dogs out of the state capital, Jos.

The two persons, feared dead and whose bodies have been deposited at the Plateau State Specialist Hospital in Jos, include the driver of the vehicle that ran into the convoy and an inspector who was the escort commander of the vehicle.

The other persons in the vehicle, numbering about five, sustained various degrees of injuries and were seen receiving treatment at the hospital at about 7pm when our correspon-dent visited the hospital.

Director of Press and Commu-nications in the Plateau Govern-ment House, James Man-nok, when contacted on phone, confirmed the accident. But he could not say how fatal it had been, as he said he was still on his way to the hospital as at the time of the accident.

Only last year, the convoy of the former governor of the state, Chief Joshua Dariye, involved in a similar road accident in which nine persons, eight of whom were journalists, lost their lives.

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