

Speeding truck kills 2, crushes car

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A heavily loaded truck moving on high speed yesterday killed two persons, smashed another vehicle and crushed two motorcycles in Damaturu.

The accident occurred at the main roundabout in the state capital around 9am reportedly after the break system of the vehicle failed.

Witnesses said the driver who was carrying bags of assorted food items from Maiduguri to the Southern part of the country, entered the town on high speed which made it difficult

for him to control the vehicle after realising that the break system was no longer functioning. "When he approached the roundabout, there was nothing he could do...he therefore smashed the Honda Accord car which was in front of him before crushing the next motorcycle which was carrying two people", Adamu Musa, a resident of Damaturu who was at the scene of the accident, told Daily Trust.

"The rider of the motorcycle died on the spot as his head was chopped off while the passenger died on the way to the Sani Abacha Hospital," the witness said.

Yobe State police Commissioner P. P. Pada said investigation is going on.

Our correspondent is covering the investigation involving heavy trucks in Damaturu.

Though the state has completed the 18km four new roundabouts, it is easier for heavy trucks to travel from the South through the city center than to follow the