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Five people are feared dead following an accident involving a trailer tanker bearing Premium Motor Spirit (Petroleum) which crushed two cars and two motorcyclists at the new round about under construction by the Gombe State Government House.

Witness said he was walking by the opposite direction when he saw three petroleum tanker trailers coming toward the roundabout but one veered off the road crushing the vehicles and motorcycles waiting their turn.

He said the Honda Civic car that was badly crushed by the articulated vehicle was carrying four people, who were on their way to the mosque for Friday prayers while the other Carina II that was also smashed had only its driver.

He further narrated that one of the motorcyclist died on the spot while all the four people in the Honda Civic car trapped underneath the tanker were not expected to be rescued alive. The quick response by the state Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) firefighters greatly helped in ensuring that the spilled petroleum product did go into flame.

When contacted, the Gombe State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Fedilis Osakwe said he could not ascertain the number of deaths as well as the cause of the accident, because rescue mission was still in progress.

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