

3 killed in Katsina auto crash

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THREE persons were killed and 16 others injured in an auto crash that occurred yesterday along the Kano-Katsina highway in Charanchi Local Government Area of Katsina State.

Witnesses said the incident occurred at about 7:15am when the driver of a J5 bus conveying 19 passengers lost control and crashed into a tree along the highway after which the bus went up in flame.

It was gathered that the bus was coming from Rimi Local Government Area of the state.

“The driver of the bus lost control and hit the tree. Immediately after, the bus caught fire leading to the death of three persons” Abdullahi Muhammad, a witness, said.

He said the driver and two passengers were burnt to ashes, adding that “they were buried beside the vehicle because their remains could not be evacuated from the scene. We were able to rescue other passengers in the vehicle before the vehicle caught fire”.

It was learnt that the police took the injured to Rimi Local Government General Hospital for treatment.

At the hospital, one of the victims, Malam Abdullahi Aliyu, who spoke to our correspondent, said, “the driver of the vehicle just lost control because nothing happened to the vehicle’s tyres. He then crashed into the bush.”

Aliyu described the incident as ordained by God “because the journey was smooth before the vehicle veered off the road and hit the tree.”