

Pregnant woman, 9 others killed in car crash

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A pregnant woman and three of her chil-

dren were killed on Tuesday night when a car they were travelling in rammed into a parked articulated vehicle along Potiskum-Damaturu road in Yobe State.

Six other people also died while one person was seriously injured in the accident at Hawan Malka at about 8.30pm, witnesses said.

The accident involved an overloaded Volkswagen Golf salon car with registration number AA720 JAK heading to Damaturu,
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and an articulated vehicle with registration number XQ 335 LSD.

A witness who works a nearby construction site said, "The Golf hit the trailer from the back and burst into flames. Only one man managed to escape, though his chance of survival is very slim due to the nature of the injuries he sustained."

He said the victims were burnt beyond recognition in the resulting fire. "Nobody tried to rescue them when the accident occurred because there was curfew in Potiskum and the highway was empty," he said.

"It was this morning that the man that survived was taken to hospital and we observed a mass burial for the dead people. Their grave is on the other side of the road."

Mallam Bakoji, a brother of the pregnant woman killed in the crash, said his sister and three of her children were on their way to Ngelzarma near Damaturu for condolence when the accident happened.

"All of them are now dead," he said.

Potiskum Unit Commandant of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mairiga Musa Boyi, confirmed the death of eight people in the crash but added that locals said they buried 10 dead bodies.

"Eight people died on the spot: 1 woman, three underage children and four men. They were trapped inside the car and burnt beyond recognition. Only one man survived and he is currently receiving treatment at the General Hospital Potiskum," he said.

Boyi said the trailer was wrongly parked on the road without any warning sign when the Golf moving on high speed ran into it.

"Unfortunately, the accident happened when the gunmen that killed the customs comptroller were shooting, so everybody was afraid to come out until in the morning," he said.



SCENE of the accident near

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highest decision-making of the party.

With additional 74 of the PDP national executives from each of the 36 states, FCT—the legislators will number the 24 governors and their loyalists made up last state party executives.

Already, all National Assembly principal officers in the party are members of the party.

In the run up to the general elections, the lawmakers attempted to change the electoral law to make all of the PDP to be automatic members. But this came stiff opposition by the governor who prevailed and the candidates were dropped.

At the PDP NEC meeting last week, draft amendments