



7 die in Kebbi car crash

From Garba Muhammad, Birnin Kebbi

Seven people were yesterday confirmed dead while a driver was critically injured in a car accident along the Bunza/Dakingari road in Kebbi State. Commissioner of Police Benjamin Uche Onwuka told *Daily Trust* yesterday in Birnin Kebbi that the accident involving a Lexus Jeep occurred between around 4pm Saturday.

"Seven people have been confirmed dead and the driver, who survived the accident, is receiving treatment in Birnin Kebbi," he said. Onwuka said investigation has already commenced to ascertain the cause of the accident, but witnesses said it occurred as a result of over-speeding while rushing to attend a wedding ceremony in Dakingari.

"They were rushing to attend the wedding ceremony of the son of Suru LGA PDP chairman, Muhammad Riskuwa when the vehicle had a burst tyre and somersaulted. Five women and two children are among the dead. We are preparing for the burial of the dead in Dakingari," a witness told our reporter yesterday.

The dead according to the Chief Press Secretary to Governor Saidu Dakingari, Alhaji Usman Abubakar Dakingari include Sa'a Umar Dodo Aliyu, 27, younger sister of wife of the state's Accountant General, Muhammad Arzika, Maryam Bello, 42, a worker with the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) in Birnin Kebbi, Sarauniya Aliyu Kaoje, 54, a worker with the Sir Yahaya Memorial Hospital in Birnin Kebbi, Mallama Buga Nagulla, Rabi Dan'aya, 14-year-old Mubarak as well as one-year-old Jika Rabi.