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Plateau LG chairman dies in road crash

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A government official in Jos yesterday confirmed the death of Hosea Azi, the Jos-East Local Government chairman in a motor accident at Garaku, near Keffi in Nasarawa State. Azi who was said to have been earlier abducted, died with his abductors in the crash.

Emmanuel Nanle, Governor Simon Lalong's spokesman, told Daily Trust that the governor received the news while in Kaduna and was still making further inquiries at press time. "We can't confirm the story of abduction but we can confirm that the chairman was involved in an accident and died on his way to Abuja Friday night," Nanle said.

Police spokesman in Nasarawa State, ASP Umaru Ismaila, told Daily Trust that he received a signal from the DPO in Keffi confirming the accident and death of four of the eight occupants of a Volkswagen Sharon near Keffi.

"There was an accident involving eight persons. Four persons died and others sustained injuries and are still receiving treatment in a hospital," ASP Ismaila said. "But I can't confirm the identity of the deceased and the injured now." Daily Trust learnt the family of the late politician had collected his corpse for burial.

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