

14 killed in Jigawa auto crash

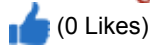
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Fourteen people have died in a motor accident along Gumel-Gagarawa road in Jigawa State.

The victims who were travelling in a Sharon bus on Saturday died after their vehicle rammed into a moving tipper truck around 7:30 pm.

The spokesperson of the state police command, SP Abdul Jinjiri, said the Sharon vehicle which was supposed to carry seven passengers was overloaded with 14 people.

“A seven passengers-capacity vehicle overloaded with 14 passengers rammed into a truck coming from the opposite direction on Gujungu-Gumel road. As a result, nine of the passengers died on the spot, while the rest were rushed to Gumel General Hospital, in Gumel local government area. Eight males, including the driver of the Sharon bus, four females and two children died in the accident.

“It was possible the driver of the overloaded vehicle was on high speed and could not control it. Anyway, only investigation will reveal the real cause of the accident,” Jinjiri said.

He said that the driver of the truck aged 22, was under the police custody as investigation continued.