

Five feared dead in Taraba auto-crash

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ABOUT five persons yesterday died and several others sustained various degrees of injuries in a ghastly motor accident that occurred in Jalingo, Taraba State capital.

The accident, which occurred at the popular Mayo-Gwai Junction, involved a water-tanker belonging to the Federal Medical Centre, Jalingo and other vehicles including a pick-up van, Honda Civic and a bus.

An eye-witness who spoke with *The Guardian*, said the mishap occurred at about 11.30 a.m. when the Honda Civic and the pick-up van had a head-on collision.

The source said the situation was said to have worsened when efforts by the tanker driver to swerve off the road failed, adding that he went ahead to hit a moving bus and ended up smashing the already collided vehicles.

Passers-by were said to have been attracted to the scene by screams of the trapped victims in the mangled Honda Civic car.