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The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the bus in which the councillors were travelling ran into an articulated tanker which had broken down on the Gwada-Sarkin Pawa road.

The victims, including the Personal Assistant to the council And Iwu's chairman, died on the spot while seven others who sustained injuries were taken to the Minna General Hospital.

Confirming the incident, the Council Chairman, Alhaji Mohammed Ricco, said that two of the victims had been buried according to Islamic rites.

Ricco pledged to foot the bill of the injured councillors and condoled with the families of the deceased.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Richard Oguche, said the police had received a report on the incident. (NAN)

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