Niger House Speaker is dead

THE Speaker, Niger State House of Assembly, Alhaji Alhassan Jikantoro, is dead.

The Commissioner for Information, Alhaji Umaru Ragada, made the announcement in Minna yesterday.

He said Jikantoro died in a motor accident at Kwakuti on Minna-Suleja road.

An eye witness told reporters that the accident occurred at about 10.00pm on Sunday when the speaker was returning from Kaduna.

The source said the vehicle conveying the speaker skidded off the road and plunged into a ditch.

Jikantoro, 44, who was buried yesterday is survived by four wives and a number of children.