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No fewer than seven officials of the Congress for Political Change (CPC) in Oyo State, including the chairman, Chief Yekini Adisa, died in a road crash on Ibadan-Ife road, at the weekend.

They were travelling to Abuja for the party's national convention when the accident occurred.

Two others, including the Campaign Director-General and another party chieftain, Mr Kola Adeoye, also died.

The governorship candidate, Mr Bayo Shittu, and his deputy, Deaconess Esther Adedokun, were injured and are in a hospital in Ibadan, the state capital.

Others who died included a driver and some state and local government party executives whose identities could not be ascertained.

The accident was said to have been caused by the severance of the vehicle's shaft, which led to several somersaults.

Four people reportedly died on the spot and three others before the rescue team could reach the hospital.

The travellers were said to have stopped at the Ife-Ibadan road toll plaza at Egbeda Local Government, Oyo State, at 8pm for the Muslims in the team to observe their night prayers (*Ishai*).

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