

Family of six dies in Kaduna-Kano Expressway accident

SIX members of a family at the weekend died on the Kaduna-Kano Expressway when their car plunged into Tamburuwa River.

The occupants of the black Mercedes "C" Class car were said to be heading to Kano from Kaduna when the accident occurred.

Three children and three adults died in the accident.

The car was said to have lost one of its tyres, somersaulted and crashed into the

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railings of a bridge, before crashing into the river.

The driver of the car reportedly lost control when the tyre burst on the Tamburawa Bridge, about 30 kilometres from Kano.

Other road users were said to have begun rescue operations before the arrival of officers of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), the Nigeria Police Force and the Rescue Unit of Kano State

Fire Service.

They ripped off the car to recover the trapped and mangled bodies of the occupants.

An eyewitness, Musa Abdullahi said the deceased had offered him a bottle of water in Zaria, where they had stopped for light refreshment.

The Nation learnt that the Tamburawa Bridge quakes and vibrates, an indication that it might collapse if urgent steps are not taken.

The Kano State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Mallam Hassan Kogari, confirmed the incident, blaming it on bad road.

Kogari, who said the driver lost control while trying to avoid pot holes, urged relevant authorities to rehabilitate the failed portion of the road to save lives.

The FRSC Sector Commander said 34 other people have died in the past six months at the same spot at the entrance of the bridge.