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Woman dies, 7 injured as vehicle veers into forest

A vehicle carrying members of one family on Wednesday veered into a thick forest in Hawan Kibo, along the Jos-Abuja Road, leading to the death of a woman and leaving seven others with serious injuries.

Among those injured were two other women, two men and three children, while a three-month-old baby escaped unhurt.

An eyewitness told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the vehicle went out of control, somersaulting several times in the bush before crashing into a tree.

"Apparently, the driver lost control because the vehicle was on high speed; the car just jumped up and disappeared into the forest," the witness, a petty trader along the highway, told NAN.

It was observed that the Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) was badly damaged, with the witness saying that some parts of it had to be cut or broken to pull out the trapped passengers.

The Public Education Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Plateau State command, Mr Andrew

Bala, confirmed the incident, blaming it on speeding.

"Preliminary investigation shows that the accident was caused by speeding. We have always warned against this but people hardly listen," Bala told NAN.

He said that the injured victims had been taken to the Kafanchan General Hospital in Kaduna State.