

Eight die in Niger auto crash

THE Niger State police command on Tuesday said that eight persons and 28 sheep died in an auto crash at Batati village in Lavun Local Government Area of the state.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr Ad-

amu Usman, told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* in Minna that other people sustained varying degrees of injury when the accident occurred on Monday.

Usman said that the accident occurred when the driver of an articulated ve-

hicle lost control.

He said that the vehicle carried 130 sheep and an unspecified number of people leaving Katsina for Lagos.

"Eight people and 28 sheep died on the spot while several others who

sustained varying degrees of injury were evacuated to the General Hospital, Kutigi for treatment.

"We have begun investigation and we warn drivers to desist from carrying passengers on articulated vehicles."