

Four killed in Benue lone accident

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gers, including the driver, were in the vehicle when the accident occurred.

1 ABOUT four persons were killed and 15 others injured when a Toyota Hiace bus conveying Christian women coming from a burial ceremony was involved in a lone crash in Benue State.

The incident occurred on Thursday when the driver lost the control of the vehicle, veered off the road and hit a tree.

The women, under the aegis of Catholic Women Organisation (CWO), were said to be returning from the burial of one of their members when the accident occurred at Wannune, headquarters of Tarka Local Government Area of the state.

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The eyewitness said: "The women were said to be members of St. Francis Catholic Church, Makurdi, and were returning to Makurdi after attending the burial of one of their members."

The sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in the state, Yakubu Mohammed, confirmed the accident.

He said 19 people were involved in the accident (18 women and a male driver), while four of the passengers died on the spot.

"The cause of the accident is overspeeding and it happened one kilometer after the NYSC Orientation Camp in Annunne," the FRSC boss said.