

# Six die, 20 injured in auto crash

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SIX persons on Wednesday died on the spot in Issana village along Kontagora-Yauri Road with 20 injured in an auto accident involving a Mitsubishi Canter.

The accident, which involved the Mitsubishi Canter with registration number XB 312 Niger, our correspondent gathered, occurred around 3 am on Wednesday.

The vehicle was said to be coming from Manigi village in Mashegu Local Government Area of Niger State and was heading to Bunza in Kebbi State, when the driver lost control of the vehicle as it

suddenly ran into a pothole and swerved into bush.

The remains of the five occupants who died on the spot, according to the Police Public Relations Officer for Niger State Command, Mr. Richard Oguche, had been deposited at both the mortuary of the Yauri General Hospital and that of Kontagora General Hospital for autopsy.

Oguche also disclosed that the 20 people injured had been rushed to the same hospitals for treatment.

The Niger Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Mr. Bello Umar, attributed the cause of the accident to overspeeding.