

Tanker kills six persons in Jos

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SIX persons were feared dead on Wednesday when a diesel tanker lost control and crashed into some vehicles along the popular Polo roundabout in the Jos metropolis.

It was gathered that five other people were injured.

The victims were four males and two females.

Our correspondent gathered that the tanker, with registration No. Abuja XQ 441 ABC belonging to Sarki Surajo Petroleum Company Limited, was coming from the Joseph Gomwalk Road to Zaria road when it had a break failure.

As a result, the head swerved and ran into a nearby veterinary clinic when the body with a full load of diesel discharged its contents. It came to a halt after colliding with other vehicles in the front.

The tanker also crushed two motor cycles, a Mercedes Benz 200 C class and also hit an Audi new model.

About N1.8m was also recovered from the scene of the accident which also left many people injured.

The tanker was said to have developed the fault near Standard Newspaper

building junction on Joseph Gomwalk Road and the driver managed it until it got to the Polo club round where he finally lost control.

Eye witnesses said that the driver was asking people to clear off as he was approaching the roundabout as he was no longer in control of the vehicle but the people coming from the ECWA Hospital area on

Zaria Road did not know what was happening.

The tanker thereafter left its own lane, after hitting the Audi car in its front and ran into vehicles coming from the opposite direction. The tank fell off, pushed the Mercedes Benz off the road and squeezed it to a wall.

Among the dead were a passer by and a passenger of one of the motorcycles. But

the owner of the motor cycle escaped unhurt.

The driver of the Mercedes Benz car whose name was given as Umeku Umeh, was at the hospital receiving treatment at ECWA Evangel hospital as at the time of filing this report.

Immediately the incident happened, the men of the fire service were invited to the scene.

3,851 apply for 200 police jobs in Plateau

ABOUT 3,851 people have applied for only 200 slots in the ongoing recruitment of constables into the Nigeria Police in Plateau.

The News Agency of Nigeria reported that the recruitment exercise in Jos received applications from all the 17 council areas of the state.

NAN gathered that 5,000 forms were sold by the police with the minimum educational requirement pegged at five Ordinary Level credits including Mathematics and English.

"I have five credits including English and Pass in Mathematics but I was disqualified and I saw people with only three credits without Mathematics being taken,"

Mary Nanchang alleged.

Some applicants queried what constables needed a credit in Mathematics for and that the minimum requirements should have been indicated in the forms.

The applicants alleged that they were made to pay N1,200 for medical tests at the Police Clinic, saying they paid about N4,000 each on different charges.

The police said 3,851 people submitted their forms while the minimum educational qualification was five credits or passes in five subjects including English and Mathematics.

The police spokesperson, Bala Kassim, said the fact that an applicant met the minimum educational

standard did not mean an automatic qualification.

According to him, other factors such as height and age were among the requirements.

"Even if you have 15 credits including Mathematics and English, it does not mean automatic qualification.

"Somebody has eight credits but when he was asked to spell 'school', he could not," he said.

He said, the minimum required height for a man was put at 1.68 metres and 1.64 metres for a woman while the eligible age was between 19 and 25.

The police spokesman said the applicants were also asked to write their autobiographies as part of the screening.