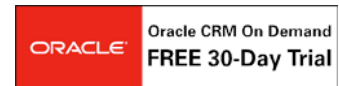


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Four policemen die in auto accident

By Jude Owuamanam, Jos

Monday, 31 May 2010

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Four men of the Police Mobile Force were feared dead on Sunday when their patrol van crashed along the Old Bukuru road in Jos metropolis. Four others were on Sunday night said to be in serious condition, while the rest sustained various degrees of injuries.

The fate of the driver was uncertain as at press time as he was said to have some parts of his body severed

The policemen, who were among those deployed to the Plateau State House of Assembly were said to have taken off from Rayfiy en route the Rwang Pam stadium to beef up security at a football match when the driver lost control of the vehicle, a Hilux van with registration No. NPF 795D, in front of the elite Hill Crest School, Jos.

The number of the mobile policemen in the vehicle was put at 16.

An eye witness, Mr. Jim Joshua, a special marshal with the Federal Road Safety Corps told our correspondent that he was going in the opposite direction when he saw the car somersaulting.

He said that the driver was apparently on top speed when, in an attempt to overtake another vehicle, hit the foot of the pedestrian bridge used by the Hill Crest students.

Joshua said that the driver, in an attempt to redirect the vehicle to the road, lost control and the vehicle tumbled, throwing many of the policemen on the road.

When our correspondent visited the scene, the vehicle was still at the spot of accident while the corpse of the dead as well as the wounded were evacuated to the Plateau Specialist Hospital and the Jos University Teaching Hospital.

Commissioner of Police, at the state command, Mr. Ikechukwu Aduba, who visited the hospital refused to talk to journalists.

Many policemen wept openly at the sight of their dead colleagues. Efforts to ascertain the names of the dead policemen as at the time of this report proved abortive.

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- May the good God grant them eternal happiness in his bossom.Amen

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- May God grant the family of the victims that fortitude to bear the loss, but I must say that this will serve as a lesson to the reckless police drivers who still have their breath in them, the way they drive on the road is too bad since there is no one to call them to order, they don't obey road sign and they are fond of taking wrong ways, it is high time they

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