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Family loses seven in auto crash

[Agency Reporter](#)

A late evening accident which occurred near [Bodinga](#) town in Sokoto on Wednesday claimed the lives of seven members of the same family.

The patriarch of the family, a popular Sokoto-based electronics dealer, Alhaji Jekada Sifawa, is currently ▼ advertisement in Saudi Arabia performing the lesser hajj (Umrah).

A News Agency of Nigeria correspondent, who visited the scene of the accident on Thursday, reports that the accident involved a Sienna vehicle.

Sources claimed the teenage driver lost control of the vehicle when answering a telephone call.

It was learnt that all the 15 occupants of the vehicle came from the same family and were travelling back to Sifawa town in Bodinga Local Government from Sokoto.

NAN also learnt the driver, who survived the accident, was said to have lost control of the car and veered off the road before hitting a tree, which the car uprooted.

It was also observed that the vehicle was cut into two as a result of the force of hitting the tree, leading to the death of six of the passengers on the spot of the accident.

Confirming the accident, the Sokoto FRSC Sector Commander, Alhaji Bawa Datsama, said the deceased included three male and three female.

The female included a one-year-old girl, a teenager and one of the wives of the



bereaved businessman.

According to Datsama, the driver escaped unhurt while another teenage girl died on Thursday at the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto, bringing the total number of those that died to seven.

The injured were said to be responding to treatment at the Hospital.

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