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## Pastor's wife, three children perish in road crash

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TRAGEDY struck on Saturday night in Katagbegi village, Niger State as no fewer than eight persons, including a pastor's wife, Helen Samuel, and his three children were killed in an auto crash.

The incident happened when the bus in which they were travelling rammed into a trailer at a bad spot on the Bida-Minna Road. The bus is owned by the Niger State Transport Authority.

It was said that the family of Pastor Abraham Samuel of the Potter Porch Church, Minna and the other passengers were travelling from Lagos to Minna when the incident happened at 8pm.

According to eyewitness, the bus caught fire few minutes after the accident, thereby making rescue efforts difficult.

It was gathered that only one passenger was rescued alive with serious degree of burns.

Special Adviser to the Niger State Government on Emergency and Disaster Management, Mohammed Shaba, confirmed that eight bodies were recovered from the scene.

Shaba said the remains of the deceased had been deposited at the morgue of the Minna General Hospital.

Our correspondent, who went to the church, reported that the pastor preached during Sunday service after which he announced the demise of his wife and three children- Saviour, Ensigne and Purity.

The members of the church wept openly, but the pastor remained calm.

"My wife and the kids are resting," he told the congregation in an effort to stop them from weeping.

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