Seven die in Bauchi auto crash

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Seven people were killed while others including a two-year-old baby were injured in an auto crash on Wednesday night along Magama Gumau Road, in Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

The accident was said to have occurred when the two front tyres of an Opel Vectra car with seven passengers burst. The driver was said to have lost control and collided with a DAF truck carrying cows.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Bauchi State Command, Haruna Mohammed, a Superintendent of Police, in a statement in Bauchi on Thursday, said that a team of police operatives rushed the victims to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Teaching Hospital, where seven persons were certified dead by a medical doctor.

"On the 20/07/16 at about 11pm, there was a fatal motor accident along Magama Gumau Road, in Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

"The accident occurred when the front tyres of an Opel Vectra car with Reg No. BR 924 APP, brown in colour, loaded with seven passengers from Kaduna and heading to Gombe State, burst and collided with a DAF truck with Reg No. XA 959 FKA, loaded with cows from Yobe to Ondo State and driven by one Ali Baba, male, of Yobe State.

"As a result, eight yet-to-be identified victims inside the Opel Vectra including a two-year-old baby and the driver sustained varying degrees of injuries," the PPRO stated.

He added that the "Police Patrol team attached to Toro Division visited the scene and rushed casualties to the ATBU Teaching Hospital, Bauchi, for medical attention where seven persons including four women and three men were certified dead by a medical doctor, while the two-year- old baby is responding to treatment at the Maigoro Hospital, Magama Gumau."

Mohammed said all the seven corpses had been deposited at the ATBU Teaching Hospital mortuary for post-mortem examination.

He said that the accident was under investigation and efforts were being intensified to ascertain the true identities of victims through the passengers' manifest.

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