

Six die, 17 injured in Gombe crash

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Six people lost their lives while 17 others sustained varying degrees of injury when the driver of an articulated vehicle lost control, and the vehicle eventually fell into a ditch in Gombe on Tuesday.

The driver, Azeez Muftau, blamed the accident on brake failure and the rough terrain of the Doma Bridge area located at the Gombe bypass.

He said, “When the brakes failed, I tried without success to ensure that nobody should die in the accident, and that is why I steered the vehicle into a canal, but unfortunately people died.”

The head of department, Accident and Emergency Specialist Hospital, Gombe, Dr Elkanah Kabilis, confirmed the incident.

He said, “Six people were brought in dead, and we referred seven victims to the teaching hospital because their injuries were severe but we are managing 10 victims in this centre, four are children below the age of 14; the remaining are adults.”

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