

17 dead, 14 injured in Katsina road accident

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Seventeen people lost their lives in a road accident which occurred at Yardudu village in the Mashi Local Government Area of Katsina State on Sunday.

Fourteen others sustained varying degrees of injury, according to the police.

Spokesman for the police in the state, SP Gambo Isah, confirmed the accident, saying it occurred about 9.40pm along Mai'addua- Shargalle Road.

It was learnt that the crash involved an articulated vehicle with number plate: XE 611 KTN.

The vehicle was driven by 35-year-old Sale Hangay.

However, it could not be immediately established whether he survived the accident.

Eyewitnesses said the truck loaded with cattle was heading for Lagos.

Gambo said the truck head suddenly detached from the rest of the vehicle while on motion, leading to the accident.

Gambo said, “Consequently, victims were taken to the Primary Health Centre, Mashi, for treatment. Seventeen passengers were confirmed dead while 14 were admitted.”