

PDP supporters feared killed in Plateau road crash

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Several supporters of the Peoples Democratic Party in Plateau State on Saturday lost their lives following a road accident in Mangu Local Government Area of the state.

It was learnt that the supporters were returning to Jos after a rally in Pankshin LGA when a truck conveying them crashed in Panyam community of the council area.

A resident of Panyam community, Joy Stephen, who witnessed the accident, told Sunday PUNCH on Saturday that several persons died instantly while others sustained injuries.

Stephen said, "It was around 4:30 pm that the accident happened.

"The truck was loaded with young boys and girls and heading to Jos. The occupants were PDP supporters who were returning after their rally in Pankshin.

"Unfortunately, when they got near a bridge in Panyam community, I don't know what happened but the truck fell down, killing some people while others were injured. The victims were being evacuated to the hospital when we got there.

"The accident was rather unfortunate because the rally they attended was very successful"

A statement from the PDP governorship candidate's media team on Saturday evening and signed by Mangna Wamyil also confirmed the accident.

The statement said "On a sad note, a truck conveying some supporters of the People's Democratic Party, (PDP), from the gubernatorial campaigns flag-off and zonal rally of the Central Zone, Plateau State, in Pankshin, had an accident this evening after the rally, around Jwak Village, just before Panyam Bridge, Mangu Local Government Area (LGA)."