

Four killed, nine injured as two trucks crash in Plateau

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FOUR persons have died in a road accident involving two Dangote trailers which crashed in Plateau State on Tuesday.

Eyewitnesses told our correspondent that the accident which occurred in Zakaliyo community, Jos North Local Government Area of the state, on Tuesday afternoon, also left nine persons injured.

A resident of the community,

Philip Haruna, who witnessed the accident, told *PUNCH Metro* that, "We are deeply saddened by the occurrence of the accident today involving Dangote trucks. Our thoughts and prayers are with the injured victims and their families.

"We commend the efforts some Federal Road Safety Corps officials and other emergency rescue workers who were quick to respond and provide assistance. We hope for a speedy recovery for



•Plateau CP, Hassan Yabanet

the injured and urge everyone to be safety conscious."

The Public Education Officer of the FRSC in the state, Peter Langsan, confirmed the accident to our correspondent saying that rescue operations are still ongoing as of the time of filing this report.

According to him, four people had been pulled out from the wreckage dead while nine others who were injured had been evacuated to the hospital

He said, "For now, our men are still carrying out rescue operation at the crash site. But at the moment, we have information that two trailers belonging to Dangote were involved. One was carrying salt and the other carrying flour.

"They crashed. But in all, five vehicles were involved in the accident. As of the time of this report, four people had died and nine others were injured. The injured were five females and

four males and they have been taken to the hospital."

The latest accident involving trucks is the second in one week in the Jos North Local Government Area of the state.

Three persons had on Tuesday last week, died after a truck loaded with cows fell off from an overhead bridge at the Gada-Bin community in the council area.

Langsan, who attributed the accident to speeding, warned motorists to stop carrying humans in vehicles meant for haulage.