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Two die in Kaduna auto crash



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Two persons were said to have lost their lives yesterday in Kaduna metropolis when a passenger bus conveying people from the Kaduna Central market to Kawo skidded off the road. The incident occurred at the popular NEPA Roundabout, leaving several others injured. A witness told our correspondent that the driver of the bus, a Toyota Hiace, lost control and headed towards the street light pole in front of a Total Filling Station, collided with the pole and somersaulted.

A petrol attendant at the filling station, Jacob Omale, said he was attending to customers when he saw the bus hit the street light pole.

He also said those standing at the bus stop and others at the station took to their heels when they saw the bus.

Omale said: “After the bus somersaulted and came to a halt, we all ran towards the vehicle for rescue operation and started moving the victims out of the wreckage.

“The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) officials were called to the scene and they evacuated the victims to Barau Dikko Specialist Hospital.”

At the hospital, the medical staff were seen attending to those affected. One of them told journalists that came to the hospital to ascertain the situation of things that those with serious injuries were transferred to Saint Gerald Catholic Hospital, Kakuri and Yusuf Dantsoho Hospital, Tudun-Wada.

A relative of one of the victims, Hajia Umami Yahusa, said her aunty died about 2.45p.m. from injuries sustained in the crash.

Yahusa, who could not hold back her tears, said when she got to Barau Dikko Specialist Hospital she was told her aunty was among those moved to Yusuf Dantsoho Hospital where she was confirmed dead.

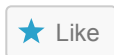
The other victim said to have died in the accident was the driver identified as Haruna.

As at the time of filling in this story relations of the victims were moving between the three hospitals to look for their relatives.

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