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No fewer than six persons have reportedly been killed in Yola, the Adamawa State capital after a truck, conveying sand lost control and rammed into a motorcycle mechanic workshop yesterday.

New Telegraph learnt that the articulated vehicle, veered off the road after a tyre burst at the Viniklang junction, near the Jimeta Bridge on the outskirts of Yola.

Among those killed was a traffic police officer on duty at the busy junction.

An eyewitness, Talatu Addison told journalists that, a traffic control police officer, Isa Usman was the first casualty as the truck hits

Truck driver loses control, kills policeman, 5 others in Adamawa

and smashed his remains before it rammed into the mechanic's workshop.

Another eyewitness, Drambi Ezra also said, "It was like a drama or a horror scene to see the truck crushing mechanics working on vehicles as well as some women selling charcoal around."

According to him, "I personally counted six crushed bodies on the spot, we evacuated the remains of their bodies into a police van."

The driver of the truck was said to have escaped and abandoned his vehicle, sparking outrage, as

irate youths set the truck ablaze. The fire spread from the vehicle, razing many shops and destroyed an electricity transformer.

However, as at the time of filling this report, combined team of policemen, Road Safety marshals, firefighters and Red Cross officials were busy evacuating dead bodies and the injured.

Police spokesman in the state, Su-leiman Nguroje who confirmed the accident, lamented that, "one police officer from the Motor Transport Department, Isa Usman and five others are confirmed dead."



The truck and Red Cross officials