

6 journalists die in auto crash

Eyewitness accounts said the journalists were traveling in a government owned 13 seater bus when one of the front tyres burst in motion resulting in a somersault.

Three of the journalists whose identities are to be formally released by the NUJ died instantly while three others including a female died at the Shendam General

Hospital.

A few others sustained injuries and are receiving treatment at the hospital.

On hearing of the accident, Secretary to Plateau State Government, Mr. John Gobak immediately dispatched ambulances from Jos to Shendam to evacuate the victims.

The corpses of the deceased journalists were later driven to Jos and deposited at the Airforce Military Hospital.

State Chairman of the NUJ, Mr. John Tsok, Secretary, Mr. Stephen Kwande and Mr. Isaac Shobayo, Chairman of the Correspondents Chapel which lost five members, were among journalists and other sympathizers who received the corpses.

Many journalists wept uncontrollably at the news of the deceased colleagues.

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situation degenerated into a bloodbath, the Emir of Kazaure, Alhaji Najeeb Husseini Adamu, alarmed by the disturbance, rose to save the situation. Alhaji Najeeb Husseini Adamu, immediately on arrival at the scene, ordered the palace guards out of the scene. They heeded to his call and vanished.