

# Auto Crash Claims Lives Of Village Head, Four Others

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**T**RAGEDY struck at Auno, a village near Maiduguri on the Damaturu-Maiduguri road on Thursday, when a Dangote truck, transporting over 60 tonnes of neem seeds to Kano, crashed into two houses, killing the village head and four other people, including two children.

The accident occurred at about 9pm, when the driver of the unmarked truck, lost control while negotiating the Auno bends. It hit two electric

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poles before crashing into the mud-built houses from which five people were killed.

Briefing reporters yesterday in Maiduguri on the mishap, Borno State commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Donatu Edelh attributed the accident to dangerous driving and over-speeding.

He said: "Despite the dangers of negotiating the 45-degree angle bend on top speed, the driver how-

ever, refused to heed the warnings of the driver mate on over-speeding," stating that the commission had been warning motorists and other drivers on the dangers of over-speeding, dangerous driving and unnecessary overtaking on the road.

An eyewitness told *The Guardian* that the driver

could not negotiate the road bend, when he veered off the road and crashed into two poles and the houses, where the village head and other family members were sleeping.

He said immediately after the crash, the driver took to his heels with the fearing of being lynched by the villagers.

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