

7 die in Benue road accident

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MAKURDI—SEVEN persons have been reportedly killed in a motor accident at Akanya village, along Kastina/Ala-Zaki Biam highway, in Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State.

Vanguard gathered that the crash involved a Toyota Corolla commercial vehicle conveying passengers to Zaki Biam and a yam-laden Mercedes 911 lorry, heading towards Makurdi.

According to the source, the driver of the Toyota was on speed when he lost a tyre and in a bid to control the car rammed into the oncoming Mercedes 911, killing all seven passengers on board the car.

"The unfortunate incident happened around 4p.m. on Thursday, after the driver of the car lost control of the vehicle at top speed, when a tyre burst."

When contacted, the Zaki Biam Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Mr. Isa Momoh, who confirmed the story, said the bodies had been deposited at the mortuary of NKST hospital, Zaki Biam.

He attributed the accident to speeding and cautioned road users on the dangers of speed, especially on single carriage roads.