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## 9 NITEL pensioners die in auto crash while going for PTAD's verification

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Nine former employees of the Nigerian Telecommunications, NITEL, have died in a road accident in Kaduna State.

The deceased were travelling from Kaduna to Kano for a verification exercise, when the accident happened.



The scene of the accident

The driver of the bus they rented reportedly lost control of the vehicle and crashed into the bush along the Kaduna-Zaria Expressway less than 30 minutes after the journey commenced.

A witness said the driver attempted to avoid a pothole, but swerved off the road due to overspeeding.

The pensioners were said to have died on the spot, while the driver survived the incident “without a scratch.”

Peter Duchi, one of the deceased, was a pastor at the Philadelphia Baptist Church, Sabon Tasha, GRA, Kaduna.

The verification is being conducted by the Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate, PTAD, for former employees of NITEL and Mobile Telecommunications, Mtel, for clearance ahead of the payment of their arrears.

The exercise is being conducted in five states— Enugu, Rivers, Kano, Gombe, Abuja and Lagos.