

One dead, 4 injured in Mabira accident

Cause. Police attribute the accident to a driver of a speeding trailer who lost control and knocked a commuter taxi.

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BUIKWE. One person died on the spot and four others sustained injuries following an accident in Mabira forest on the Kampala-Jinja highway yesterday.

The accident, which occurred at about 7am, involved four vehicles that were travelling from two different directions.

The police say the accident happened when the driver of a speeding trailer lost control and knocked a commuter taxi that was Jinja bound from Kampala.

Other vehicles involved in the accident were a Toyota Premio and a Toyota Prado that got trapped in the process.

The identity of the deceased was unknown by press time since he had no identification documents.

The area regional police spokesperson, Ms Hellen Butoto, said the body was taken to Kawolo Hospital mortuary in Lugazi.

Ms Butoto said the driver of the

trailer, who is on the run, will answer charges of reckless driving.

The trailer overturned in the middle of the road, blocking motorists from both Lugazi and Jinja and causing a traffic jam that lasted more than six hours.

Oncoming motorists resorted to using Mukono-Kayunga via Njeru and Lugazi-Nyenga routes.

Earlier in the day, there was an accident at Banda junction in Nakawa Division, Kampala, after a fuel tank overturned and blocked the road, causing traffic jam.

INJURED

The area regional police spokesperson, Ms Hellen Butoto, said the driver of the taxi, Mr Amisha Sseyendo, 39, together with passengers: Mr Andrew Mulendu, a resident of Kamuli, Mr Joe Omara, 46, a resident of Mukono, Mr Denis Mugerwa, 20, Mr Paul Sendugi, 37, a resident of Lugazi and Mr Erick Okonko, a resident of Buikwe, sustained injuries and are receiving treatment at Kawolo Hospital in Lugazi.



Accident scene. Traffic police officers divert vehicles at the scene of the accident in Mabira forest yesterday. PHOTO BY DENIS EDEMA

Road blocked. Police seal off Banda junction in Nakawa Division, Kampala, after a fuel truck overturned yesterday. COURTESY PHOTO

