

Eight perish in Ngora road carnage

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NGORA. Eight people died on spot when a commuter taxi travelling from Mbale-Soroti swerved off the road, hit an anthill and overturned several times.

The vehicle registration number UAV 375A is reportedly had a tyre burst at Kafir, Mukura Sub-county in Ngora district at about 4pm on Saturday.

East Kyoga region police spokesperson Juma Hassan Nyene said they had identified only two of the dead as Azizi Kamunane, the driver and Bosco Peter Ochen from Lira district. The other six dead people remained unidentified.

He said the tyre burst forced the vehicle off the road. He said the bodies had been taken to Soroti Hospital mortuary.

The injured

Mr Nyene also identified the injured persons as Herbert Wanyiba of Mbale, Hellen Magala, Fred Tengu of Manafa, Dickson Wadaba of Bulambuli, Mwaji a Kenya national, Stephen Ojore from Tororo and Jacqueline Nagudi resident of Lira town.

"We urge drivers to see that their vehicles are in sound mechanical condition," he urged.

Mr Nyene said the injured were admitted to Soroti Hospital with multiple bodily cuts.

Black spot

According to the residents the spot of the accident has become a common scene for accidents which have claimed many lives.

Mr Nyene called on the public to help police identify the bodies of the dead. Among those survivors is a young child aged about two.