

Police say the Masaka City businessman lost control of the vehicle due to speeding on the expressway.

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Police have confirmed that a Masaka City businessman and two of his children died in an early morning crash yesterday on the Kampala-Entebbe Expressway as the family rushed to Entebbe International Airport.

The deceased were identified as Bosco Ssenyonjo, also known as Bosco Bitanda, and two of his children. The family was travelling to the airport where the children were set to catch a flight back to school abroad.

Officials from the expressway management, who arrived at the scene, said the family was reportedly rushing to catch a 7am flight operated by Uganda Airlines.

The traffic police spokesperson, Mr Michael Kananura, said the crash involved a Toyota Land Cruiser registration number UBG 734S.

Mr Kananura said Ssenyonjo, a businessman and resident of Masaka City, was driving with his wife and three children when the crash occurred at the Mpala interchange.

"The driver lost control of the vehicle due to speeding on the expressway. The vehicle first knocked the base of a street light pole and later hit a road pillar before overturning several times," Mr Kananura said.

He added that three occupants, including the driver, died instantly while two others sustained severe injuries.

Police officers from the Traffic Directorate responded to the scene and evacuated the injured victims to Grade

Businessman, two children killed in expressway crash



A relative checks on the vehicle in which Bosco Ssenyonjo, also known as Bosco Bitanda, and family were traveling before it crashed on the Kampala-Entebbe Expressway yesterday. PHOTO/COURTESY

B Hospital, where they received first aid before being referred to another medical facility for specialised treatment.

"The deceased were conveyed to City Mortuary for post-mortem examinations as investigations into the crash commence," Mr Kananura said.

Witnesses

Residents living near the scene said

weather conditions could also have contributed to the crash.

Mr Jackson Omondo, a resident of Katabi Town Council, said there was heavy fog along the expressway at the time of the accident.

"Fog made visibility difficult. Drivers are usually not keen on it because Monday morning is rush hour as people head to the airport to catch flights," he said.

In a separate statement posted on its official X handle, the management of the Kampala-Entebbe Expressway said the crash occurred at about 6.30am at the Mpala-Kajjansi interchange.

"The vehicle was travelling from Masaka towards the airport when the driver reportedly dozed off due to fatigue after a long-distance journey. Tragically, three occupants lost their

lives, while one sustained injuries and was rushed to a nearby hospital," the statement read.

The management added that its incident response team worked with police to secure the scene and manage traffic flow along the highway.

The crash adds to the growing number of road fatalities recorded across the country.

ACCIDENTS REPORT

According to the Directorate of Traffic and Road Safety, a total of 5,144 people died in road crashes in 2024, translating to about 14 deaths per day. This marked an increase from 4,806 deaths recorded in 2023, which averaged 13 fatalities daily.

Earlier statistics show that 4,534 people died in road crashes in 2022, equivalent to about 12 deaths per day. Police data also indicates that the highest number of road crash fatalities occur between 6pm and 8pm, when 894 people died in 2024.

This was followed by deaths recorded between 8pm and 10pm at 514 cases, while the third-highest number occurred between 4pm and 6pm with 511 deaths.

Authorities continue to attribute many fatal crashes to speeding, reckless driving and driver fatigue.