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Missionaries killed in bus crash

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SIX foreign missionaries – an American couple, a Dutch couple and two Kenyans – died and 13 people were injured in Uganda in a head-on collision between their bus and a truck, police said today.

The minibus packed with 21 people was returning to Kenya from a Jehovah's Witnesses religious service in eastern Uganda.

"There was a fatal accident involving a lot of vehicles and a Tata lorry," police spokesman Edward Ochom said.

"It was a head-on collision and six died on the spot."

Two Americans, two Canadians, three Swedes and six Kenyans were seriously injured in the crash, he said.

Fatal road accidents are common across east Africa, where roads and vehicles are often poorly maintained.

In a separate accident on Monday, seven people were killed and scores injured when a bus flipped onto its side in northwest Uganda.