

Three killed, 4 injured in 3 vehicle crash in Rompin

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ROMPIN: Three people were killed and four others injured in an accident involving three vehicles including a trailer at Km126 of Jalan Kuantan-Segamat near the Bahau junction yesterday.

The victims in the 8.50pm incident were identified as Abdul Raziz Mohdal, 40, who was the trailer lorry assistant along with Proton Iswara driver Mohd Khairol Md. Tahir, 36, and rear seat passenger Zairulzaimy Jambi, 18.

The 52-year-old lorry driver, Zairulzaimy's elder siblings aged 36 and 31 years-old respectively, who were traveling in the Iswara and a 48-year-old Perodua Axia driver escaped with light bruises.

District police chief Deputy Superintendent Mohd Azahari Mukhtar said the trailer was travelling from Kuantan towards Segamat when the accident occurred on a bridge

"Investigations revealed the Iswara travelling from Segamat had veered into the lorry's lane. The trailer driver lost control of the wheel and steered his vehicle into the oncoming Axia's lane before the lorry landed in a slope below the bridge.

"Three people died at the scene while the four injured victims were taken to Muadzam Shah hospital for treatment," he said.

Azahari said investigations revealed Raziz was from Segamat, Johor while the four people travelling in the Iswara were Orang Asli men from Pekan.

Meanwhile, Pahang Fire and Rescue Department deputy director (operations) Ismail Abdul Ghani said eight firemen from the Muadzah Shah fire station and seven others from the Chini fire station in Pekan were deployed to the accident scene after being alerted about 8.57pm.

"Firemen used rescue tools to free the victims from the mangled vehicles. The four injured men were taken by ambulance to hospital while the bodies of the victims were handed to the police," he said.