



Highway tragedy: Firemen extricating the remains of the victims in the accident.

Three in family killed in accident

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SEGAMAT: A family of six was looking forward to celebrate Hari Raya Aidilfitri at a relative's house in Labis, about 40km from here. They never made it there.

Lorry driver Mohd Rezal Abdul Karim, 37, his wife Rozaimah Mahmud @ Mahmud, 41, and one of their children died in a head-on collision with a four-wheel-drive.

The couple's three other children have been warded with two in serious condition.

Fate dealt a cruel blow to the family as they were just a mere 2.5km from their relative's house.

The family had left their home in Taman Suria, Buloh Kasap heading towards Labis town when the collision occurred.

Segamat OCPD Supt Mohd Kamil Sukarmi said firemen had to be called in to extricate the remains of the couple who were pinned in their seats.

Supt Mohd Kamil said both Mohd Rezal and Rozaimah died on the spot from serious head and body injuries in the horrific accident at KM2.5 of the Labis-Muar road on Sunday.

"Their third child Nuralisa Yasmin, 11, died

from severe head injuries while receiving treatment at the Segamat Hospital.

"Two others, Muhammad Haziq Iqbal, 13, and Nurdurrah Khadeeja, one, are still in critical condition in the intensive care unit," he said, adding that the eldest son Muhammad Aniq Aiman, 16, had a broken leg.

Supt Mohd Kamil said the driver of the 4WD, aged 55, was unhurt and would be questioned for reckless driving, resulting in death.

He said initial investigations showed that the Mitsubishi Triton from the opposite lane had swerved into the path of the Proton Saga, driven by Mohd Rezal, and rammed into it.

Mohd Rezal's uncle Sulaiman Badrun, 62, said they were devastated by the tragic news.

"We last spoke on the second day of Hari Raya at his mother-in-law's house in Kampung Paya Lang.

"He was a friendly and outgoing person. Our hearts go out to his surviving children who lost their parents and a sibling in a blink of an eye," he said, adding that they would decide on the custody of Mohd Rezal's three children after they had recovered.

The three victims would be laid to rest at the Kampung Mensudut Pindah Muslim burial ground.