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8 Killed, 17 Injured In Katsina Road Crash



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No fewer than eight people were killed and 17 others sustained varying degrees of injuries in a road crash along the Funtua–Katsina highway in Bakori Local Government Area of Katsina State on Sunday.

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Katsina Sector Command, said the accident occurred at about 1:32 p.m. at Layin Kukah on the Funtua–Katsina route.

According to the command, the crash involved a commercial Toyota Hiace bus with registration number 14B 92 TR and a Bajaj tricycle.

The FRSC Public Education Officer, DRC Shamsudeen Babajo, said 25 people were involved in the accident, comprising 16 adult males, four adult females, two male children and three female children.

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He said 17 victims sustained injuries, including 15 adult males and two adult females, while eight others lost their lives.

“The deceased comprised two adult males, two adult females, three female children and one male child. The injured victims suffered fractures and deep lacerations,” he said.

Babajo said preliminary investigations indicated that wrongful overtaking was the likely cause of the crash, adding that the identities of the drivers had yet to be established.

He said the FRSC rescue team, in collaboration with the Community Watch Corps (C-Watch), evacuated the victims from the scene and took the injured to Bakori Comprehensive Hospital for treatment, while the bodies of the deceased were deposited at the General Hospital, Funtua.