

23 Killed, 2 Injured in Jigawa Auto Crash

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23 people have been confirmed dead in two separate accidents that occurred on Tuesday, 29th December, in Jigawa State.

The first accident took place around 2 pm in Dutse, the state capital. Eighteen individuals have been confirmed dead, and two

others are in critical condition.

Confirming the incident, the spokesperson for the Jigawa State Police Command, SP. Shisu Lawal, stated that the accident occurred at Danmasara Quarters along the Dutse-Kiyawa Road. He explained that the fatal incident happened when the driver of a Volkswagen Golf 3 (Registration No. KYW

500 XA) lost control, collided with a street light, and swerved into the opposite lane. There, it collided with another red Golf 3 (Registration No. RAN 836 XA). An oncoming tipper truck (Registration No. BUU 289 XA) then crushed both vehicles.

SP Shisu noted that sixteen passengers died at the scene, while two others later succumbed to their injuries in hospital. Two victims remain alive.

A preliminary investigation revealed that the deceased—ten males and eight females—were from Fake village in the Kiyawa Local Government Area.

However, a few hours after the report of the accident that killed 18 people in Dutse, another accident occurred in Bandawa village of Ringim Local Government Area, where five individuals have been confirmed dead.