

# 22 Die In Kaduna, Lokoja Road Accidents

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No fewer than 22 persons were killed, while others were injured in accidents on the Kaduna and Lokoja Roads.

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Kaduna Sector Command confirmed that ten people died, while four others sustained injuries in a fatal road crash along the Kachia-Jaba road.

Also, 12 died on Sunday after a truck rammed into bystanders at Gada-

Biyu village along the Abuja-Lokoja Highway.

The Federal Capital Territory Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr Felix Theman, confirmed the incident in a telephone interview on Sunday evening.

The man said the crash, which occurred at about 11:47 a.m., involved three vehicles—an 18-seater Sharon bus and two Volkswagen Golf cars—in addition to the truck. According to him, the truck, which

was fully loaded with coal and travelling at high speed from the Lokoja axis, lost control and veered off the road, crashing into bystanders who were waiting by the roadside.

He said 12 people died on the spot, comprising four adult males, two adult females, four male children and two female children. Some of the victims were said to be residents of Gada-Biyu who were waiting to board vehicles.

Three other persons sustained varying degrees of injuries and were

rescued to Abaji General Hospital for treatment.

The sector commander said the truck driver and his conductor fled the scene immediately after the incident, apparently to avoid mob action.

He added that the bodies of the deceased had been released to their families for burial at Gada-Biyu.

The man attributed the accident to the truck driver's speeding, loss of control, and dangerous driving.

He disclosed that the FRSC would meet with the management of the transport company involved, noting that this was the second reported crash involving the same truck along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.