

10 passengers killed in Plateau auto crash

NO fewer than 10 passengers were killed while many others injured in an auto crash on Jos-Bauchi Road, in Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Also, two people were confirmed dead in an accident yesterday in Osara community in Adavi Local Government Area of Kogi State.

The Plateau incident, which occurred after a military checkpoint around 12:12am yesterday, involved two trailers and two mini-buses.

Superintendent/Route Commander, Public Education Officer, Federal Road Safety Corps

Multiple vehicles involved in crash

•Two dead, 19 injured in Kogi road crash

From Kolade Adeyemi, Jos and Olaide Oyelude, Lokoja

(FRSC), state Command, Peter Y. Longsan, confirmed the incident, adding that the rescue was carried out by their members, police, civil servants, and villagers.

"The crash occurred at about 0012 hours (12:12 am), it involved four vehicles, two trailers and two mini-buses (Ford Galaxy). Nineteen people were involved, 17 males and two females. Ten adult men died on the spot. The injured victims were taken to General Hospital Miyabarkate, Jos Uni-

versity Teaching Hospital (JUTH) and Plateau State Specialist Hospital for medical attention.

"Eight bodies of the deceased were deposited at Plateau Specialist Hospital and Bingham University Teaching Hospital morgues, while two of the bodies were claimed by the officials of the NURTW for internment," Longsan said.

He explained that while further investigation was ongoing, preliminary findings indicated that speed and reckless driving were the major causes of the accident.

The sector command, however, called on commuters to desist from night trips, avoid excessive speed, dangerous driving and take their safety seriously.

The Federal Roads Safety Commission (FRSC), which confirmed the Kogi accident, added that 19 others sustained injuries.

The FRSC Sector Commander in Kogi, Tenimu Etuku, told reporters in Lokoja that it was a lone accident involving an 18-seater bus.

He said four out of the 19 survivors who sustained injuries, which ranged from bruises to fractures, were rushed to the nearby two hospitals for treatment.