

Eight UNIJOS students die in auto crash

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The University of Jos has been thrown into mourning ahead of its 37th convocation scheduled for Saturday, following the death of eight students in a fatal road accident that also left three others critically injured.

According to a statement issued by the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and signed by its Media Officer, Yakubu Longsan, the Plateau State Sector Command received a distress call at about 2:30 am on Wednesday reporting a crash opposite Unity Bank along Zaria Road, near the New Jos Stadium.

The FRSC said the accident involved a trailer and a bus conveying 11 students of the University of Jos.

“On arrival at the scene, seven persons were suspected dead and were later confirmed dead by a medical doctor. One other victim died in the hospital, bringing the total fatalities to eight,” the statement read. Three injured students are currently receiving treatment.

The Corps said eyewitness accounts indicated that the bus was speeding and attempted a wrongful overtaking, which led to loss of control and a collision with the trailer.

The Plateau Sector Commander of the FRSC, Corps Commander Olajide E. Mogaji, urged motorists — especially commercial drivers — to avoid night journeys, speeding, dangerous overtaking, and driving under fatigue or the influence of substances.

He appealed for safer driving practices during the festive season, noting that “the government needs everyone alive to live life to the fullest this season and beyond.”