FRSC dismisses inflated Kano crash reports, confirms seven deaths

THE Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has debunked reports claiming that 30 people were killed in a recent road traffic crash in Kano State, confirming that seven persons lost their lives in the accident.

FRSC Corps Marshal, Malam Shehu Mohammed said this in a statement issued by the Corps Public Education Officer (CPEO), Olusegun Ogungbemide, on Monday in Abuja.

The ***News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*** quoted Mohammed as saying that the confirmed figure was established through on-the-spot assessment and verified rescue operations carried out by its operatives at the crash scene.

He urged the public and media organisations to rely on officially confirmed information to prevent the spread of misinformation and undue public anxiety.

He said the fatal crash occurred on Sunday, Feb. 8, at about 8:33am along Hadejia Road at Kwanar Danja, Gezawa Local Government Area of Kano State.

"The crash involved a commercial DAF trailer with registration number KTG467YG, which was conveying 105 passengers at the time of the incident.

"A breakdown of the casualties showed that out of the 105 persons involved, 70 sustained varying degrees of injuries, comprising 55 adult males and 15 male children."