

# 18 killed, two injured in Jigawa auto crash

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No fewer than 18 persons lost their lives, while two others sustained critical injuries in a multiple-vehicle accident along the Dutse–Kiyawa Road in Jigawa State on Tuesday.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that the crash, which occurred around Tuesday afternoon, involved two Golf 3 cars and a tipper truck.

The incident comes barely days after a similar tragedy on Christmas Day, when 11 people were killed and nine others, including the driver, sustained varying degrees of injuries in a fatal accident at Beguwa village along Sankara Road in the Ringim Local Government Area of the state.

An eyewitness, Abdullahi Idris, a resident of Danmasara Quarters, narrated how the crash occurred.

“I saw a white Golf 3 vehicle lose control, hit a streetlight and collide with another Golf 3 coming from the opposite direction. A tipper truck then crushed the two vehicles. It was horrific,” he said.

Another resident, Muhammad Ibrahim, who also witnessed the incident, told *Metro PUNCH* that speeding appeared to have caused the crash.

“The vehicles were speeding when the white Golf 3 lost control. The impact was massive, and people were trapped inside. I heard screams and cries for help,” he said.

A female eyewitness, Fatima Hassan, added that most of the victims were from Fake village in Kiyawa Local Government Area.

“I heard a loud crash and saw people running to help. The victims were mostly from Fake village. It was a terrible sight, and I’m still shaken,” she said.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer of the Jigawa State Police Command, SP Shi’isu Adam, said the accident occurred at about 12:20pm at Danmasara Quarters along the Dutse–Kiyawa Road.

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“At about 1220 hrs today, a fatal accident occurred at Danmasara Quarters, Dutse–Kiyawa Road, involving two Golf 3 vehicles and a tipper truck,” Adam said.

He disclosed that 16 persons died on the spot, while two others were confirmed dead at the hospital. Two victims, he added, were currently receiving treatment in critical condition

Providing further details, Adam said the vehicles involved had registration numbers KYW 500 XA, RAN 836 XA and BUU 289 XA.

“Preliminary investigation revealed that 10 males and eight females from Fake village, Kiyawa LGA, were among the deceased,” he stated.

He added that the Commissioner of Police had condoled with the affected families.

“The CP commiserates with the families of the victims and prays for the repose of the souls of the deceased and quick recovery of the injured. Efforts are ongoing to identify all the victims and notify their families,” Adam said.

According to him, the police have commenced an investigation into the cause of the crash.

“We urge motorists to exercise caution on our roads, especially busy routes like the Dutse–Kiyawa Road. Speeding and reckless driving are suspected factors, but investigation will determine the exact cause,” he said.

Adam also noted that officers were deployed to clear the scene and ensure traffic safety.

“Our priority is to prevent further accidents and provide support to the affected families,” he added.