

4 Dead, 14 Injured In Gombe Lone Crash -FRSC



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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), has confirmed the death of four persons including a child in a lone crash on the Cham–Numan Road in the Balanga Local Government Area of Gombe State.

The Sector Commander of the FRSC, Samson Kaura, confirmed the accident in Gombe yesterday Kaura said that 14 children that were in the bus sustained varying degrees of injuries while 20 other children escaped unhurt in the crash involving a Toyota Hummer Bus.

He said the corpse of those who died in the crash have been deposited at the Primary Health Care Centre, Cham. The commander attributed the crash to loss of control as a result of speed. “The crash happened around 2am in the night when a Toyota Hummer bus from Toro in Bauchi State to Adamawa State, carrying mostly children lost control along Cham-Numan Road resulting in the crash.

“The vehicle was moving above the recommended speed and that resulted in loss of control and eventual crash. “This is unfortunate, because the bus was overloaded as the children were lapping one another which increased the number of persons expected for such a vehicle,” he said.

He stated that the bus was carrying more than the expected passengers, stressing that the vehicle was conveying 41 persons mostly children as against 18. He cautioned against night travels, adding that "though it is their constitutional right to travel anytime, but they must know that it is riskier travelling at night than during the day.

"Those who want to escape road enforcement officers and decide to travel at night must desist from those acts while doing the right thing and prioritising their safety and those of their passengers," he said. Kaura urged drivers to adhere to traffic rules and regulations, stressing that "life is more important than any economic or other benefit from driving."