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13 die, 45 injured in Kano multiple road crashes

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NO fewer than **13** persons lost their lives, while 45 others suffered varying degrees of injuries in two separate multiple accidents that occurred on the ever-busy **Kano**-Wudil road, in Wudil Local Government Area, and at Akalawa village in Rimin Gado Local Government Area of **Kano** State on Monday.

Eyewitnesses attributed the cause of the **crash** on the **Kano**-Wudil road, involving three vehicles, to reckless overtaking by one of the drivers, which resulted in a head-on collision by two of the vehicles.

The third vehicle was said to have rammed into them.

One of the vehicles was said to be conveying traders from Yargoje town in Safana Local Government Area of Katsina State to the commercial city of **Kano** when the fatal accident occurred.

An eyewitness, who identified himself as Malam Haruna Mohammed Akalawa, blamed the accident on the driver of a Golf car from Gwarzo, whom he alleged was on a top speed, before he suddenly lost control and collided with the on-coming vehicle.

Shortly after the accident, according to Akalawa, five lifeless bodies were evacuated from the wreckage, while the injured were rushed to a nearby hospital, saying: "I counted 16 bodies"

The other accident, which occurred at Akalawa village according to an eyewitness, claimed the lives of mainly women and children, who were in one of the vehicles that somersaulted several times before bursting into flames.

Confirming the incident, the **Kano** State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Alhaji Ahmed Hassan Kogari, attributed the cause to dangerous overtaking.

He cautioned motorists to comply strictly with traffic rules and regulations to avoid carnage on the highway.



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