

12 die in auto crash

TWELVE persons have died in a ghastly motor accident that occurred following a head-on collision at Bara village along the Gombe-Bauchi road at around 8pm, Sunday.

Five others who sustained serious injuries have been hospitalized according to the Gombe State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr. Fidelis Chuka Osakwe. According to Osakwe, the incident involved a Kaduna state government-owned trailer with registration number, KD36A32 and a 10-seat Toyota Litace minibus with registration number SC309GM.

The FRSC commander who attributed cause of the accident to over-speeding and over-loading by the driver of the minibus, said the auto-crash had claimed the lives of six male, three female, adults and three children on the spot.

The new sector Commander of the FRSC noted that, most people trapped in an accident usually die owing to a late rescue mission by the commission but that with the newly acquired

mobile lines, the commission could be informed at any time of distress for prompt reaction.

Mr. Osakwe while stressing the need to keep Road Safety officers informed of any road accidents in good time, observed that the unfortunate accident that just occurred took place at about 8:00pm and that the Command could not be contacted until at about 11:00pm.

He therefore disclosed the numbers as 08059064879 and 07081425248, respectively.

Speaking on the highway accident emergency clinic centers, Osakwe called on government, private organisations and public-spirited individuals to partner with the FRSC in ensuring the provision of these centers in order to reduce carnage on our highways.

While commending the attitude of parking trailers on the roads pavements, as such obstructs traffic flow, just as he called on motorists to desist from overloading, over-speeding and other forms of dangerous driving as well as night journeys.