

The victims were reportedly found inside the bus. The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Sunday Henry Olatunji, confirmed the incident, saying 22 persons were involved in the accident, adding that the Nissan Urban bus was heading to Azare from Bauchi.

6 killed, 16 injured in Bauchi auto crash

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SIX persons yesterday were killed, while 16 others sustained injuries as result of a ghastly motor accident along on Bauchi/Maiduguri road, about 15 kilometres from the metropolis.

It was learnt that the accident, which took place at about 8.14 am, involved a Nissan Urban 18-seater bus with registration number AA996TFB and a motorcycle with no registration number.

Speaking to newsmen on the scene, an eyewitness disclosed that the motorcycle rider was the cause of the accident because he crossed the road without observing if a vehicle was coming and in the process collided with the bus.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Sunday Henry Olatunji, confirmed the incident, saying 22 persons were involved in the accident, adding that the Nissan Urban bus was heading to Azare from Bauchi.

"The Nissan Urban 18-

seater bus was carrying 20 passengers out of which nine were females, five males and six children. The motorcycle was carrying two people including the rider and a passenger. The accident was caused when the rider of the motorcycle attempted crossing the road and in the process collided with the bus", he said.

Out of the six people that lost their lives, he said three were females, two males and one child while 16 others sustained various degrees of injuries.

Mr. Olatunji stated that when his officers got the information of the accident, they rushed to the scene and evacuated all the victims to the Tafawa Balewa Teaching Hospital, Bauchi.

The Sector Commander, who attributed the cause of the accident to reckless driving by motorbikes, warned motorists plying the high way to be cautious when driving, saying that over speeding and overloading are part of the major causes of accidents in the country.

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