

10 die, nine injured in auto accident

Ten people died when a truck collided with a bus trying to avoid an ox-driven plough in the middle of the road in Jigawa state yesterday.

The accident occurred on the Kachako-Birninkudu road. Nine others were critically injured when their vehicles collided head on.

A farmer trying to cross the road with an ox-plough dropped it in front of speeding vehicles as he tried to avoid being run over, witnesses said.

Daily Trust saw mangled vehicles with blood stains as a result of the head on collision in Majuwa village of Kachako local government area of Kano state.

According to eyewitness account, the accident occurred at about 7.30 pm on Tuesday night when a trailer collided with a Hiace bus at a sharp bend a few kilometres away from Kachako town.

Some policemen who arrived the scene told our reporter that the accident was one of the many that have been happening

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in the area due to persistent animal crossings along the road.

Symphatisers were seen removing the scattered debris spread along the road while officials of the Road Safety Commission were also seen taking stock of the victims from some relatives.

An official of the commission said the activities of ox plough pushers is fast becoming a serious road security concern to the commission especially now that farm produce is being harvested by farmers.

A visit to the Federal Medical Centre, Birninkdu, where eight of the injured are lying critical ill, showed many people waiting to be allowed to see their loved ones as no one was aware of the fate of his relative.

Medical officials interviewed said adequate arrangements have been taken by the hospital officials to ensure proper care is given to the victims even before their relatives arrive.