

# Auto crash claims 10 lives in Katsina

**F**our children were among ten people killed in a car crash near Babbar Ruga village along Batsari road on the outskirts of Katsina metropolis at the weekend, hospital sources said yesterday.

The victims belonged to a 27-member extended family returning from a child's naming ceremony at Bakiyawa village of Batsari local government area of the state.

The accident occurred when one of the tyres of a Toyota Liteace bus conveying the family members burst suddenly before the vehicle somersaulted twice and crashed head-on into a lorry coming the other way.

A witness said only two passengers in the two vehicles escaped unhurt while about eight were confirmed dead on arrival

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at the Katsina General Hospital including four women and their four children, *Daily Trust* gathered

Two more passengers died in the female surgical ward of the hospital in the early hours of Saturday, according to the hospital source. Seven others were lying unconscious and receiving treatment at the hospital when our correspondent visited.

An official of the Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, Muntari Fago, who led a rescue team to the scene of the accident confirmed the occurrence but declined further comment and advised this reporter to direct his inquiries to the state commandant of the commission who was not on seat at the time of the incident over the weekend.