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Minna-Bida road crash claims 10

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An auto crash yesterday claimed 10 persons along the Minna-Bida Road when a Toyota corolla car collided with a Mazda 626 saloon car.

Our correspondent gathered that the Toyota car with registration number AA556 NAS collided with the Mazda with registration number BU 914 KJA when both vehicles attempted to dodge a pothole. A witness said the crash happened about 13 kilometres from Bida town, adding that only one person survived from the two vehicles.

Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) officials who evacuated the bodies deposited them at the Federal Medical Centre Bida mortuary while the only survivor was rushed to the intensive care unit. Sector Commander of the FRSC Mr. Emmanuel Abe described the incident as saddening; saying over speeding was the immediate cause.

"This is why we have always been cautioning motorists to desist from over speeding, dangerous overtaking and ensuring compliance with all our rules on safety on the roads," he said.

Abe expressed concern over the deplorable condition of the road, saying most roads in the state need to be put in proper shape. He pointed out that the Mokwa-Jebba road is a death trap and one of the major roads in the country where accidents are prevalent.

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