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Six persons died while many others sustained injuries in a road accident in Kano yesterday. The accident, which involved two Toyota Hiace buses, occurred on the Kano/Maiduguri express way at Ladin Makole near Kano at about 4:30pm.

Road safety officials have blamed the accident on high speed and dangerous overtaking by the drivers.

The Kano Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission Ahmad K. Hassan said the accident occurred when a driver of one of the vehicles who was on high speed, attempted a dangerous overtaking and brushed the other vehicle. He put the number of the dead at six, even as he expressed fears that it may not be the conclusive figure because more victims were still being conveyed to hospital.

Witnesses described the scene as gory, saying it was littered with bodies covered in leaves. Children were also reported to be involved in the accident. Hassan attributed the frequent accidents on the road to high volume of traffic which he said was due to the number of states and foreign countries that use the road. The commander said vehicles from four neighbouring states ply the road daily, adding that because most of the drivers are on long journeys and always drive on high speed.

He also said the casualty figure was inconclusive as more victims were still being taken to hospital. It would be recalled that another road accident claimed the lives of 13 students last week in the state.

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