

Kano auto crash claims three, 32 others wounded

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Three persons died while 32 others sustained various degrees of injuries when two vehicles they were travelling in collided yesterday on the Kano section of the Maiduguri Expressway.

The road mishap which occurred at about 12 noon in Rijiyar Gwangwan, a village situated about 15 kilometres from Kano metropolis, involved a commercial bus with registration number XD 673 GWL, and a Volkswagen Gulf with a registration number AE 656 RNG.

When *Sunday Trust* visited the scene of the crash, the dead and the injured had already been evacuated to Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital by the combined team of the Police, Fire Service and road safety officials.

An eyewitness who pleaded

anonymity attributed the cause of the accident to dangerous overtaking car by the driver of the Gulf, who was said to be conveying passengers to Kano from Jahun, Jigawa State.

The source said the gulf driver, while trying to overtake other vehicles also on high speed rammed into the oncoming Nissan bus, which was fully loaded with passengers and on its way to Wudil in Wudil Local Government Area of Kano State.

The scene of the accident was littered with personal belongings of the victims which policemen and sympathizers were trying to recover.

When *Sunday Trust* visited the mortuary of Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital, officials of the state fire service were handing over the three dead bodies of two elderly women and a man to the mortuary officials.

A relative of one of the dead

who gave his name as Ya'u Jibrin Jahun and who identified his late uncle, Alhaji Deen Adamu, told *Sunday Trust* that the deceased was on his way to Kano for shopping when the incident occurred.

The investigating police officer who escorted the victims to the hospital confirmed the accident and said 32 persons were admitted in the intensive care unit of the hospital.

It will be recalled that a similar incident claimed six lives recently when two passenger vehicles collided near Lahadin Makole town on the same Kano axis of the Maiduguri Expressway.

When contacted, the Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety in charge of Wudil, ACC Ibrahim Kabir confirmed the accident and the casualty. He also attributed it to dangerous overtaking.