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## Accident claims 15 in Shakwata

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An accident which involved a trailer, J-5 bus and a Toyota Carina II has claimed the lives of 15 people in Shakwata area of Niger State at about 8 O'clock in the morning.

Among those killed were seven men, three boys, two girls and three women, while 12 other are receiving and some in critical condition and the condition of others mild.

Gana, an eyewitness at the scene of the carnage, said the accident was caused by the sharp bend at the spot and the impatience of the drivers involved. "When the Carina II was about to overtake, the trailer which was coming from Gwada area now crushed the oncoming J-5 bus after hitting the Carina II from the driver's side.

"Since the impact on the Carina II wasn't much, the casualty in the bus was total. Only the driver got away with his life, but not without sustaining grave injuries as others perished on the spot," he said.

Contradicting Gana's report, a survivor, a youth corps member, Mr Ajibade said the accident happened as a result of an attempt by the J-5 bus driver to avoid a pothole at the bend.

"When we were approaching the bend, suddenly, a J-5 bus overtook us when it entered a pothole, losing control and hitting the oncoming trailer.

Meanwhile, a joint team of Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIO) and men of the Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC were on ground to evacuate the bodies from the accident scene and to also clear traffic.

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