

2 women, 3 children die in Kano road crash

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TWO women and three children died while four others sustained various degrees of injuries when their vehicle skidded off the road and crashed into a bush near Rijiyar Gwauro along Maiduguri Road in Kano yesterday.

According to witnesses, the accident occurred around

4:00pm when a trailer tried to overtake another vehicle. One of the villagers who went to rescue the victims said the drivers of the two vehicles panicked and crashed into the bush when they saw the trailer on their lane.

According to the Kano Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) A.K. Hassan, the accident occurred

due to overtaking and reckless driving. He said the trailer driver who caused the accident ran away without stopping to know what happened.

"The driver was over speeding and he made reckless overtaking, and when he left his lane in order to overtake a vehicle, the other vehicles left their lanes for the bush. Five persons are con-

firmed dead, while four others sustained serious injuries. However, 10 people escaped unhurt in the accident," the commander said. He said the crashed vehicles, which were all going to Kano, include a Mitsubishi Canter and Volkswagen Passat with registration numbers XG 854 FGE and AL576 KTN respectively.