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17 May 2010

Sokoto — A motor accident in Sokoto yesterday claimed 11 lives while nine others who sustained various degrees of injuries are said to be in critical condition.

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The accident involving a lorry with registration number XA808MJD and a bus with number XD 777 GUS occurred at about 12.15pm yesterday at Bisalam, about 40 kilometres from the state capital.

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Sokoto FRSC Sector Commander Aliyu Datsama said nine of the victims died on the spot, one died on the way to the hospital and the 11th died at the Usmanu DanFodiyo University Teaching Hospital where they were taken.

He said among the dead were two boys aged five and seven, a woman and the bus driver. Datsama said nine others were injured and were in critical condition. The Sector Commander said it was a head-on collision between the tipper and the bus. According to him, the tipper driver ran away after the mishap. The bus which was from Sokoto was going to Gusau, Zamfara State, while the tipper was heading to Sokoto.

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