

# 20 killed, 33 injured in Zamfara auto crashes

AT least 20 persons have been confirmed dead while 33 others sustained serious injuries in two motor accidents in Zamfara on Sunday.

The accidents occurred in Kaura-Namoda Local Government Area of the state. The FRSC Assistant Corps Commander, Kaura-Namoda Unit Mr Sani Abdussamad told newsmen yesterday that the first accident occurred at Sabongari, five kilometres from Kaura-Namoda, on the Kaura-Namoda-Gusau Road.

He said the vehicle, registered XL494ABC, carrying more than 100 bags of potatoes with 42 people on top of the goods, was from Sokoto State.

Abdussamad said the driver was allegedly over-speeding when the truck had a tyre burst, skidded off the road, somersaulted and killed seven passengers instantly, while two other victims died later in hospital. He said 25 victims who sustained serious injuries were rushed to Kaura-Namoda General Hospital for medical attention.

Abdussamad said the other accident occurred at Kwanar-Boko town, 20 kilometres from Kaura-Namoda on the Kaura-Shinkafi Road. He explained that a Peugeot 505 salon car registered AA746SKF, had a head-on collision with a Carina II vehicle, in which the passengers were burnt beyond recognition.

Abdussamad said 11 victims in the two vehicles, mostly children and women died while eight others escaped with various degrees of injury. He said some of the victims

were taken to the Federal Medical Centre, Gusau while others were admitted at the General Hospital in Kaura-Namoda for treatment.

Abdussamad noted with regret that in spite of the enlightenment campaigns on road safety and enforcement of traffic rules by the FRSC officers on the road, accidents still occurred on the highways.

He advised road users to always obey traffic regulations to reduce fatalities caused by road accidents in the country. (NAN)