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An auto accident along the Katsina-Kano road at Rijiya Mai Ciminti village of Rimi Local Government Area of Katsina State yesterday claimed five lives, leaving about 20 others critically injured.

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The accident occurred when a Hiace bus with registration number BB 364 RSH heading to Katsina from Kaduna collided with a J5 with bus with registration number XE 912 KTN heading to Kano from katsina.

A witness, Zaharadeen Mohammed, told this reporter that the accident occurred when the driver of the J5 who was on high speed overtook some vehicles and ran into the upcoming bus as a result of which all the two vehicles fell into a nearby ditch. He said five persons died on the spot.

At the Katsina General Hospital, our correspondent observed the state Commissioner for Health Alhaji Aminu Jamo Daura with some doctors, nurses and other medical staff battling to save the lives of victims while those with minor injuries were admitted at the OPD ward. Aminu Jamo who confirmed the death to this reporter said he quickly dispatched an ambulance upon receiving a distress call on the accident, adding that all the injured would be treated under the free medical services for accident victims introduced by the state government. The driver of the bus, Mallam Rabe, who survived with a few bruises, said he could not say what led to it or transpired during the accident, just as one of his female passengers who identified herself as Balaraba said the accident was due to dangerous overtaking by the J5 driver.

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