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Auto crash claims 33 in Katsina

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THIRTY-THREE persons have been confirmed dead, while five others sustained injuries in a ghastly motor accident in Rimaye village of Kankia local government area in Katsina State on Thursday. Witness told *Weekly Trust* that the incident occurred at about 11.00pm when a Volkswagen Golf car collided with a J5 bus coming from the opposite direction.

According to the witness, the driver of the Volkswagen with Katsina registration number, AG 59 MAN carrying eight passengers lost control while negotiating a sharp bend and hits the on-coming bus, resulting in a head-on collision. It was gathered that soon after the two vehicles crashed, they caught fire as a result of which

32 persons were burnt to death.

Twenty four persons were said to have died from the bus which was going to Funtua from Katsina, while all the eight passengers in Golf car from Funtua to Katsina died.

Weekly Trust gathered that the remains of the passengers who were burnt beyond recognition were buried in a mass grave through the joint effort of Kankia local government council and the people of village. The five injured victims were rushed to Kankia local government General Hospital for treatment.

Confirming the incident, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Muhammad Ibrahim Mohammed said the four survivors were treated and discharged at Kankia Hospital.