

# 11 die in Yobe auto crash

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ELEVEN people died and five others sustained various degrees injuries yesterday in a ghastly motor accident at about 7:30pm at Garin Bukar, 10 kilometres away from Damaturu, the Yobe State capital.

The accident involved a loaded petrol tanker with registration number XB 191 BSA and a commercial bus with registration number XA 171 NGW conveying 16 passengers to Potiskum.

According to a survivor, the driver of the petrol tanker lost control of his vehicle and rammed into the 16 seater bus while trying to overtake it.

He told *Daily Trust* that the tanker driver was reckless: "The tanker driver didn't observe well before trying to overtake our vehicle. He was midway through when he saw two other on coming vehi-

cles. In an attempt to avoid the vehicles, he rammed into our vehicle."

The survivor further told *Daily Trust* that they were all coming from Damaturu Sunday market and heading back to Potiskum. "11 of us are died; while others were badly wounded, with some of the losing consciousness. I am the only person that survived with minor injuries," he said.

When our correspondent visited the scene of the accident, about eight dead bodies were still trapped inside the bus.

The Head of Operation, Federal Road Safety Commission in Yobe State, Malam Hassan Safana, confirmed to *Daily Trust* that 11 people died on the spot. He said a crane would be made available to dislodge the trailer from top of the bus.

Safana said the evacuated corpses were deposited at the Sani Abacha Specialist Hospital, Damaturu.