

8 killed in Gombe auto crash

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EIGHT people were confirmed dead and nine others injured yesterday evening in an accident at Kanawa Forest of Yamaltu Deba Local Government Area of Gombe State, Route Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mohammed Adi Suleiman, has said.

Our correspondent, who visited the scene of the accident, reports that the accident involved a commercial bus with registration number XA 602 MUB belonging to a mass transit of Mubi Local Government Area of Adamawa State and a Opel Vectra with registration

number AG 905 MSU.

Eye witness Adamu Musa Okonkwo, who spoke to newsmen, said the two vehicles had a head-on collision before they ran into a Toyota vehicle parked by the road side.

Okonkwo said the accident occurred while the Opel driver was trying to overtake about five vehicles at a go despite flash light warning from oncoming vehicles.

Suleiman said seven people died on the spot while another person died later at the Federal Medical Centre, Gombe.

Our reporter, who visited the hospital, counted eight corpses, five males, two females and a one year old child.