5 killed, 7 injured in Jigawa auto crash

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Tragedy struck yesterday evening in Dutse, the Jigawa state capital when a bus conveying passengers and goods from Kano to Dutse lost a tyre, somersaulted and killed five passengers in Zango-Buji village along Dutse-Gaya road in Dutse local government area of Jigawa.

Seven other passengers were also injured in the accident.

The Jigawa State Sector commander of Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Umar Liman who confirmed the incident told Daily Trust that the accident involved 16 persons in an ash-coloured Mazda bus with registration number XC307DUT.

He explained that the bus which was coming from Kano was overloaded with goods and one of its tyres exploded causing it to somersault to the other lane adding that his officers and men had immediately taken the bodies of those that died to Dutse General Hospital while those injured were admitted in Rasheed Shekoni Specialist Hospital in Dutse.

Liman said four male and one female died in the process.

The Sector commander said they are embarking on campaign against overloading adding that both overloading of passengers and good is dangerous life of motorist and road users.