

# Five burnt to death in Kano crash

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FIVE persons were burnt to death at the weekend after their vehicle, which was coming from Katsina State collided with a motorcyclist along Kabuga road in Kano metropolis. It was gathered that the vehicle, a Kano State government bus with registration number, KN128A30, carrying about 15 persons was over speeding along the road which was under construction when it collided with the motorcyclist. It was further gathered that following the collision the vehicle's fuel tank exploded, and it went up in flames.

"As FRSC rescue officials who mobilized to the scene were removing the injured passengers from the bus, the fuel tank exploded and set the vehicle on fire, making it impossible for the passengers still in the vehicle to be rescued. They were all burnt beyond recognition", the Head of Operations of the Federal

Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Kano Kabiru Yusuf Nadabo said.

He said the motorcyclist who was hit by the bus did not sustain any injury, and that the driver of the vehicle did not have a drivers' license.

Nadabo appealed to the state government to collaborate with the FRSC to ensure that drivers of government vehicles, who he said are mostly unlicensed get proper knowledge of driving before they are allowed to drive.

"The problem we are facing is that most government drivers, especially those plying the villages are not qualified to drive. The government should please partner us so that we can reduce accidents on our roads," he said.

He said the victims have been taken to the Murtala Muhammed Teaching Hospital, and that phones and the sum of N7,600 were recovered from the scene of the accident and handed over to the police.