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17 killed in Kwara auto crash

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Ilorin

Seventeen people were reportedly killed yesterday in an auto crash at the Bacita Junction along the Jebba/Ilorin Highway.

The accident, which involved an 18-seater Toyota Hiace passenger bus and an articulated DAF container truck, also left two people injured.

Head of Operations,
Federal Road Safety
Corps, Kwara State
Sector Command,
Udeme Eshiet, said the
DAF container truck

was going towards Jebba in Kwara North; while the passenger bus was coming to Ilorin.

He said that the crash occurred at a sharp bend as a result of over speeding which led to a head-on collision by the two vehicles.

"Due to excess which speeding in the two drivers were involved while driving their vehicles at the time when the crash occurred, they could not negotiate the sharp bend properly, when they eventually met, it resulted in a head-on collision", he said.

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