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## 8 dead, 5 injured in Niger auto crash

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Eight persons have died and five others injured in an auto crash that occurred at Kwana Bokwai, along Minna-Lambata road in Niger State.

The crash, Daily Trust on Sunday learnt, was a lone accident that occurred midnight on Friday, involving a Kastina-bound commercial Volkswagen Sharon

bus with registration number, BUU 150ZL.

The bus was said to be conveying 13 adult males from Minna to Katsina State.

According to the report by the officer-in-charge of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) outpost in Lambata, Route Commander Babatunde Onemola, the cause of the crash was as a result of tyre burst and loss of control.

Officers of the Lambata outpost who carried out the rescue operation midnight disclosed that 13 people were involved, adding that seven died at the spot while one died at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Gawu Babangida.

It was also learnt that five others sustained various degrees of injury and are still on admission in the hospital as at the time of filing this report.