

# 21 killed in Jigawa, Edo road crashes

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The police in Jigawa State have confirmed that an early morning crash yesterday claimed 18 lives with one person sustaining injuries on Kano Road in Birnin Kudu Local Government Area of the state.

The acting spokesman of the command, Lawan Shisu Adam, in a statement made available to newsmen, said the incident occurred around 7.am at a sharp bend close to Alu Farm, involving two Toyota buses, which had a head-on collision.

According to the statement, 12 persons

were burnt beyond recognition and were given mass burial, while bodies, were deposited at the Federal Medical Centre, Birnin Kudu.

He disclosed that both vehicles were burnt but that one of the drivers survived with injuries.

In a related development, three persons have died in a road accident involving a commercial bus while twelve others sustained various degrees of injuries.

Two of the passengers were confirmed dead at the spot, while one died on the way to the hospital.

The bus was said to be on a very high speed, while trying to overtake

wrongly before the crash.

The accident was said to have occurred near Iruekpen before Ekpoma.

Many of the occupants were said to be students of Ambrose Alli University returning to school.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Edo Command, Henry Benemesia, when contacted, confirmed the accident.

Benemesia said: "What happened was that the driver was overspeeding, and wanted to overtake wrongly. Two of them died at the spot, but one died on the way to the hospital. While twelve persons sustained injuries."