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8 dead in Bauchi auto crash

No fewer than eight persons lost their lives in a road accident that occurred in Bauchi on Saturday, Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Yusuf Abdullahi, has said.

Abdullahi confirmed the incident in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Bauchi on Sunday.

According to him, the accident, which involved an Opel Vectra car with plate number AA 954 GYD and one Tipper Mercedes Benz with number plate NIN 279 SA, happened in Goltukurwa village along Dass-Bauchi road at 9:30 pm.

He attributed the accident to overloading, speed violation and head-on-collision.

He explained that nine people were involved in the crash, comprising two males, six females and a male child.

Abdullahi, however, revealed that all the eight passengers in the Opel Vectra car, which ran into the tipper, lost their lives while only the driver of the tipper, whose name was simply identified as Abubakar Mohammed, was unscathed.

The FRSC boss said that his personnel had cleared the obstructions at the crash scene, adding that the corpses of the

deceased have also been taken to the General Hospital, Dass.

"This is the December period and we have always been sensitising motorists in the state about the dangers associated with overspeeding and overloading.

"I want to use this opportunity to plead with motorists to always be conscious of all traffic rules and regulations as well as weather conditions before embarking on their journeys.

"They should also remember that only the living souls, not the dead, would live to celebrate the Christmas and New Year festivities," he stated.