

# 2 die, 8 injured in auto crash in Niger

Two people were killed, while eight others sustained injuries in an auto crash on Monday at Malam Tanko village on the Abuja-Kaduna highway.

Twenty-four other passengers involved in the accident escaped unhurt.

The village is located in Tafa Local Government Area of Niger State.

Two commercial buses and an articulated vehicle were involved in the accident.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Niger, Mr Kumar Tsu-kwam, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Minna on Tuesday that the commercial vehicles had 34 passengers on board.

"Corpses of the dead were taken to the morgue at Sabon Wuse General Hospital, Niger, where the injured also received treatment.

"The vehicles were handed over to the police at Tafa," he also said.

The FRSC sector commander blamed the accident on excessive speeding and loss of control.

Tsukwam advised motorists to always exercise caution and adhere strictly to speed limits to avoid crashes. (NAN)