

Road Crash Claims 25 Lives In Niger

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At least 25 persons were killed in an auto crash at Takalafia, a village along Yawuri Expressway, in Magama Local Government Area of Niger.

The crash involved a DAF articulated vehicle, which was said to be speeding and subsequently lost control around 3:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Public Education Officer, Mr Bisi Kazeem, confirmed the accident in a statement yesterday.

The Chief Press Secretary to Niger State governor, Bologi Ibrahim, said the governor was saddened by the magnitude of the crash and cautioned drivers to always obey traffic regulations.

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The trailer was said to have taken off from Sokoto State and was heading to Lagos with about 229 people comprising men, women, and children on board.

Findings revealed that 25 died on the spot while those who sustained various degrees of injuries are currently receiving treatment at the Kantagora General Hospital.

It was gathered that the remains of those who lost their lives had been deposited at the mortuary of the same hospital.

President Bola Tinubu condoled with the families of those who died in the accident and prayed for the repose of their souls.

A statement by Chief Ajuri Ngelale, Special Adviser to the President on Media and Publicity, said Tinubu described the incident as a harrowing tragedy and directed the agency responsible for emergency response to immediately intervene in alleviating the challenges of the victims.

He directed the agency to move in and ensure that those injured in the tragic accident got the necessary treatment at the highest quality and with alacrity.

Tinubu implored citizens to be vigilant and safety conscious while travelling during this festive season and always.