

16 killed, 27 injured in Kaduna-Abuja auto crash

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Kaduna Sector Command, said no fewer than 16 persons died and 27 sustained injuries in a road crash on the Kaduna-Abuja expressway. Audu Jhangon village along the expressway on Sunday. He explained that the crash occurred at 05:20hrs, when a vehicle (DAF TRAILER) with registration number KUJ 430XC, with overloaded goods, lost control and fell into a ditch.

The Sector Commander, Mr Kabir Nadabo, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the fatal road traffic crash occurred at

"Initial reports indicate the driver was at high speed, probably due to fatigue.

"The combined rescue teams of RS1.114 Zhipe Unit Command and RS1.16B Dutse Outpost conducted the rescue operations.

"The crash involved 65 people, where 27 were injured and 16 people were deceased.

"The injured have been taken to the nearest hospital for treatment," he added.

Nadabo said on receiving news of the crash, he visited the scene to have first-hand information as well as direct the rescue team on the evacuation of the deceased to the mortuary.

"I also directed the tow truck to remove part of the accident trailer blocking part of the road. The road is free for movement," Nadabo said. (NAN)