

7 Killed, 31 Injured In Gombe Auto Crash



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No fewer than seven persons lost their lives in a lone auto crash on Kaltungo – Cham Road in Gombe State.

Mr Samson Kaura, the Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in the state, confirmed the incident on Thursday in Gombe.

He said that 31 other persons sustained varying degree of injuries in the lone trailer crash, which occurred at about 7:30 a.m.

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Kaura attributed the accident to suspected brake failure of the truck conveying soft drinks and 38 persons, comprising 34 males, two females and two children. He said the deceased comprised five males, one female and a child, adding that the corpses had been deposited at the morgue of the General Hospital Kaltungo, while 31 injured persons were receiving medical attention at the facility.

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He cautioned Nigerians against joining trailers to reduce high transportation fare, adding that, “always consider the cost of road traffic crashes and loss of lives, and how much you will pay as cost of transportation.

“Only a lone crash and we have many casualties, we spent a whole day attending to the situation.

“We advise against using trailers to travel because they (travellers) want to avoid paying the high cost of transportation.

“Please stop joining trailers or heavy duty vehicles. They are not meant to convey humans, but goods,” he said.

Kaura also advised drivers to ensure good vehicle maintenance to curb crashes. (NAN)