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Two feared dead in Maiduguri accident

From Njadvara Musa, Maiduguri

TRAGEDY struck yesterday when the driver of a beverage truck lost control and crashed into other vehicles at a popular bus terminus in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

The incident occurred at about 9.00 am when the brake of the truck failed, forcing it to ram into a Golf Volkswagen saloon car and two motorcyclists carrying two passengers to the markets and Post Office.

Out of the five people hit, two died on the spot while others sustained serious injuries. \

Confirming the crash yesterday, the Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr Donatus Edeh said the accident was caused by brake failure of the truck.

"Out of the five people crushed, two died at the spot while the remaining three sustained injuries to the head and limbs.

The Road Safety Chief said the company truck with Borno registration: AE 608 MAG, overrun a car and two motorcyclists.

Edeh, who attributed the accident to reckless driving and 'mechanical deficiency violations' by the driver, has directed the manager of the company to appear before the Road Safety Committee before week ends.

While lamenting the flagrant violation of road traffic rules and regulations, he said: "To save people's lives, the company must put all vehicles in good condition before plying any of the roads in the state."

He said to reduce the rising spate of accidents on the roads and highways, company drivers company should be re-trained , noting that many of the drivers plying the roads were not properly trained .

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