

Eight die in auto-crash

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EIGHT passengers have been feared died at Auno Village after a bus crashed into a trailer in the night on the Maiduguri-Damaturu Road. Ten other passengers and drivers, however, sustained injuries in their limbs and heads.

The cause of the accident, according to the Maino Unit of Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), was the truck's lack of rear lights, which made the bus driver to crash into the rear of the moving truck to Maiduguri.

Of the 10 passengers admitted in the Maiduguri hospital, two died yesterday from the head injuries they sustained in the crash.

The Unit Commander of FRSC, Ali Musa Chibok, said yesterday that because of the severe impact of the crash, the roof of the bus was ripped off and scattered the occupants on the road, killing six on the spot.

He, however, noted that the auto-crash involving three vehicles could have been avoided if the truck had rear lights.

Chibok added that after performing safety checks on the truck, the commission found that one of the head-lamps was faulty, warning that it was very dangerous to drive in the night without lighting in the front and rear.

On the compliance of drivers and other motorists to road safety in Borno and Yobe states, he said: "Ninety per cent of auto-crashes on the highways is, however, caused by human errors and negligence on the part of both the drivers and vehicle owners for not adhering to regular safety checks before plying the roads".