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10 wedding guests die in Kano road mishap

From Adamu Abuh, Kano

TRAGEDY struck at the weekend in Kano as 10 young men returning from a wedding celebration died in a road accident.

The accident occurred at about 11p.m. near a pedestrian bridge at Gyadi-Gyadi, along Zaria Road of the Kano metropolis.

Eyewitnesses said the deceased met their death when the two cars in which they were traveling rammed into each other, hitting the pillars of the bridge and bursting into flames.

Some of the victims were said to be members of the household of a former commissioner in the state.

It is believed that the fire might have been aided by many litres of fuel stored at the foot of the bridge by black marketers.

Seven of the 14 youngsters in one of the cars that had contact with the fuel were instantly killed while three others who fell into unconsciousness died before they got to hospital.

Two other victims were in critical condition at the Murtala Muhammed Hospital, Kano.

An official of the state fire service, Kasim Musa, confirmed the incident, saying: "The vehicles were actually on the same lane and as they sped after each other; they rammed into themselves. That is what caused the accident. It is unfortunate. May Allah grant their soul eternal rest."

Spokesperson of the Kano State Police Command, Baba Mohammed confirmed the incident.

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