

13 feared dead in Bauchi auto crashes

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No fewer than 13 persons have been killed in multiple road accidents in Bauchi State between Thursday and yesterday.

The Guardian learnt that the accidents occurred in Tashan Maiturare and Takandan Giwa all along the ever busy Bauchi–Jos road in Toro LGA of the state.

According to eyewitnesses accounts, the first accident occurred at about 9.00pm on Thursday between a Peugeot J5 bus and an oncoming vehicle in a head-on-collision where no fewer than 11 passengers died on the spot with others injured.



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Another crash occurred in the early hours of yesterday involving a Vectra car in a lone accident around Takandan Giwa village when it veered off the road into the bush leaving two dead and others injured. The two accidents were said to have been caused by various traffic rules infringement by the drivers of the vehicles.

Confirming the crashes, Head of Operations, FRSC, Bauchi State Sector Command, Ibrahim Abubakar, confirmed the accidents to journalists, claiming however that only eight people died in the first accident and nobody died in the second accident.

He said the multiple fatal crash on Thursday was caused by over speeding and a burst tyre. Two vehicles, a white commercial Ducato bus with registration number BLG625XA and a blue commercial Galaxy mini-bus were involved in the crash and according to him, 11 people (10 males and 1 female) were involved in the crash and the injured victims are currently undergoing medical attention while the dead were deposited at the mortuary and would soon be released to their relatives for burial.



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