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10 die, 27 injured in Yobe auto crash

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No less 10 people are feared killed as a pick-up van lost control along Potiskum/Fika road in Yobe State and crashed in a ditch.

The driver was returning from Dogo Abare market with over a dozen passengers and goods amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) lockdown.

According to the Federal Roads Safety Commission (FRSC) rescue team, 27 people that sustained various degrees of injuries have been evacuated to Potiskum General Hospital for treatment.



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Confirming the incident yesterday at the hospital, the Director of Personnel Management (DPM), Potiskum Council Ibrahim Abubakar, stated: “I’m here to sympathise with accident victims and pay their hospital bills.

“The deceased passengers and injured ones were returning from a local market when the driver lost control and veered off road before crashing on Tuesday night.”

On cause of crash, the driver, Mallam Lawandi said: “After overtaking a vehicle, my steering system developed problem and veered off the road, before I crashed into the ditch that night.”

He said the passengers were returning to from the market when the incident occurred along the Potiskum/Fika road.

“I thank FRSC rescue marshals for pulling out the injured and bodies of passengers from the mangled pickup truck.”

According to him, on hearing the auto crash, relations of victims, who are residents of Gadan Talakawa and Arara Biyu communities, rushed to scene of accident.

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