

12 passengers die, six injured on Kaduna-Abuja expressway auto crash

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NO fewer than 12 people died yesterday in an auto crash on the Kaduna-Abuja Expressway while six others were injured.

The Kaduna State Government, in a statement, expressed concerns on the bloody crash.

The accident occurred when the driver of a Toyota Hiace bus carrying 18 passengers lost control as a result of a burst tyre.

Commissioner of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said: "On a sad note, security agencies have reported to the Kaduna State Government that 12 persons have died and six others injured following a road traffic crash which oc-

curred on Monday afternoon in Nasarawa Doka, along the Kaduna-Abuja Road in Kachia Local Government Area."

He said: "The crash involved a lone Toyota Hiace bus conveying 18 passengers from Kaduna to Abuja. The cause of the crash has been identified as a brake failure following a tyre explosion. Twelve passengers died on the spot. The six injured passengers were rushed to hospital."

According to him, "Governor Nasir El-Rufai expressed sadness at the report, and sent condolences to families of the victims, as he offered prayers for the repose of their souls. He wished the injured persons a quick recovery."