

6 die, 19 injured in Bauchi road crash

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THE Federal Road Safety Corp, Bauchi State Sector Command, yesterday, confirmed the death of six passengers on Bauchi-Kano road on Monday evening.

The Sector Commander, Yusuf Abdullahi told newsmen that 19 others were injured in the crash, which involved two commercial vehicles at Durum village.

According to him, one of the vehicles, driven by one Ibrahim Abduljalal was marked: JJN 712 YX, while the name of the driver of the second vehicle and its registration number could not be ascertained.

He said the crash, which affected 25 people comprising 23 male adults, one female adult and one female child, was caused by worn-out tyres from one of the vehicles. He said: "Our men immediately rushed to the scene of the crash and took the victims to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital (ATBUTH), Bauchi, for treatment and confirmation. When they got there, a medical doctor confirmed six male adults dead.

"Those who sustained injuries are 19 in number, 17 male adults, one female adult and one female child."

Abdullahi said the corpses have been deposited at the ATBUTH mortuary, adding that the obstructions on the road were cleared, while the accidented vehicles were handed over to the Motor Transport Department of the GRA police station.