

# Nine Killed In Gano-Gaya Auto Accident

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The ancient city of Kano was thrown into mourning on Sunday, when a trailer crashed and ran into a Hiace bus carrying about 16 commuters, killing nine while several others were seriously wounded.

The accident, which occurred at Tasha Kalle, along Kano-Gaya road has aroused a glum atmosphere in the city.

Eyewitness account has it that the trailer lost control when its front tyres got burst, "and ran into a speeding bus travelling from Azare to Kano. It was a gory sight as lives were brutally brought to an end."

*Daily Independent* gathered from villagers that as at Monday morning, the remains of the victims were still being gathered.

The driver of the commercial bus, who died instantly with eight others, was badly crushed.

Those who sustained several degrees of injuries are being treated at Gaya hospital while relatives are trooping into Dutse General Hospital to identify the dead.

One of the surviving victims told our correspondent, at the hospital that he could not remember vividly what really happened, "all I know is that all of a sudden, I heard a bang, after which I felt a sharp pain. I can not say what happened next; but I know it was a painful experience," he said.

The driver of the trailer survived the accident, but he was said to have remained unconscious. Police made efforts to remove the bodies from the scene.