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15 Die In Bauchi Auto Crash

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Witnesses told *Sunday Independent* that the truck loaded with cows was heading to Bauchi while the bus was heading to Gombe when they had a head-on collision after the tyre of the truck suddenly burst.

The vehicles were said to have run into a transformer belonging to Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), sparking off an inferno that burnt the victims.

One of the witnesses added that some petty traders operating by the road side were also affected, while one of them (name withheld) died instantly as a result of injuries he sustained during the accident.

When our correspondent visited the scene of the sad event, many sympathisers were carrying out rescue operation. Some of them expressed shock over the situation while corpses and blood were littered on the ground. Corpses of the affected victims were deposited at the Alkalari General Hospital mortuary waiting for their relatives while those who were burnt beyond recognition were laid to rest immediately.