

Eight die as truck, commercial bus collide in Maiduguri

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IT WAS another day of sorrow for residents of Maiduguri, the Borno State capital when a ghastly auto accident involving a construction truck and a commercial bus left eight persons dead and one seriously injured on Tuesday night.

The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) said the accident could have been avoided and the passengers coming to Maiduguri from Abuja, could have reached their destinations safely had the driver of the Yobe Transport Corporation's bus restrained from dangerous overtaking.

The accident occurred near Jakana village at about 6p.m. when the driver of a Peugeot J5 bus attempted to overtake a vehicle ahead of him without seeing an oncoming truck.

Eyewitnesses said seven passengers died on the spot. The road safety officials said two persons, who were still alive, were rushed to a hospital in Maiduguri, but one of them later died.

According to FRSC Rescue Officer in charge of Mainok Unit Command, Rabiou Lado, "Seven people died on the spot from both vehicles while two survivors were rushed immediately to the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, and unfortunately, one died there while the other is still in the hospital in critical condition", Lado said.