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Three die, 18 injured in Bauchi auto crashes

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No fewer than three persons were killed while 18 others sustained injuries in a multiple accident that occurred along Alkaleri/Gombe road in Kirfi local government area of Bauchi state.

It was gathered that the first accident occurred about 25 km from a village called Shafaru on Monday evening and it involved a commercial Toyota bus with number plate XA 447BLR and a Hummer corolla jeep with number plate AG 123 DKD.

The second crash happened around 1.25pm, about 5km near a junction in Kirfi local government and it involved a commercial bus with registration number AG 779 KTN and a Honda accord vehicle with registration number GM 55 BIO.

The state Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), in charge of Bauchi Unit Command, Mr. Sunday Henry Olatunji, who confirmed the accidents to journalists, said that the auto crashes involved four vehicles along Kirfi local government area of the state.

He disclosed that 33 persons, comprising of 14 males and 19 females were involved in the crash.

He said "In the first crash, one of the drivers lost control of his vehicle and rammed into the other and there was a serious situation afterwards. While the second crash happened when the driver of the commercial bus attempted dodging a pothole and in the process, collided with the Honda accord vehicle. Those who died so far include three males while 18 others made up of nine females and nine males sustained varying degrees of injuries".

Olatunji said that the deceased persons remained unidentified and their corpses have subsequently been deposited at the morgue of the General Hospital in Kirfi General Hospital.

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