

17 Die In Kwara Auto Crash

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An auto crash has reportedly claimed the lives of 17 people on Ilorin-Jebba highway in Kwara State on Thursday.

The crash involved an 18-seater Toyota Hiace bus and an articulated DAF vehicle which had a head-on collision.

Two people were said to have been seriously injured in the accident, with their fate hanging in the balance.

The accident was said to have happened at a bend at Bacita Junction, close to Jebba town.

An eyewitness said the bus was coming from the Jebba end while the truck was coming from the Ilorin end of the road when the accident happened.

Head of Operation of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Kwara State sector command, Udemé Eshiet, told newsmen that the crash occurred at a sharp bend as a result of over speeding.

Eshiet said: "Due to excess speeding in which the two drivers were involved while driving their vehicles at the

time the crash occurred, they could not negotiate the sharp bend properly, and when they eventually met, it resulted in a head-on collision."

The road safety official enjoined motorists to be more careful while driving on the highways to ensure lives were not lost to avoidable accidents.

He advised passengers to always caution and report every reckless driver to law enforcement agents nearby.

Flooding: Seven Dead, Over 700 Houses Destroyed In Jigawa

Similarly, no fewer than seven lives were lost while over seven hundred houses were destroyed as a result of heavy flood which ravaged Guri and Kiri-Kasamma local government areas of Jigawa State.

The flood was caused by continuous downpour, according to Guri Local Government Area vice chairman, Alhaji Umar Dodo.

Dodo told our correspondent in Guri that the flood claimed one life and destroyed over four hundred houses in the council.

The worst affected areas are Na Yi Yawa, Gwari, Bakin Kasuwa, Guri General Hospital, GRA, among other places, while it claimed two lives in