

11 killed in Gombe road crash

ELEVEN persons were killed and 22 others seriously injured in an auto accident on the Gombe-Biu Road last weekend.

An official of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr Francis Udoma, in Gombe, said the accident, involving a lorry carrying 57 passengers, occurred at about 10 pm.

He said the driver lost

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control and veered off course.

One of the victims, Abubakar Umar, who is receiving treatment at the Federal Medical Centre, Gombe, said the driver was trying to avoid the numerous potholes on the road.

Umar, who lost a leg,

said the vehicle somersaulted several times.

The accident was the third in recent times on the road.

In October, 2006, nine students of the University of Maiduguri died when their bus crashed after running into a pothole.

Again in November, 2006, 10 people died and 27 were injured in another accident on the road.