

33 burnt in Yobe road accident

THIRTY three people were yesterday burnt to death in Potiskum, Yobe State, following an accident involving two Hiace buses on the Damaturu-Jos road.

The buses, belonging to Yobe Line and Plateau Riders Transport agencies, were bound for Maiduguri and Abuja, when the crash occurred, at about 2pm.

•Get mass burial

From Duku Joel,
Damaturu

An eyewitness said the buses caught fire after the collision and 33 passengers were burnt.

A national identity card was found bearing Ugbo Winnie Tina, an indigene of Nasarawa

State from Wanbo, residing at Blk LL3, Ajegunle Barracks, Lagos, by the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), the Police and the Fire Brigade.

FRSC Unit commander Boyi Maigari said: "It was about 2pm when two buses driving in opposite direction on the Potiskum-Jos Road collided and burst into flames,

killing no less than 33 passengers and drivers. "The accident could have been prevented if both drivers were not driving recklessly. There is no pothole on the road that any of them could have been dodging to warrant this kind of damage.

"We can only give these dead people a mass grave by the highway, because we cannot identify the bodies."