

# 18 dead in Borno road accident

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Eighteen passengers were reportedly killed yesterday on the Maiduguri-Damaturu highway in Borno State, when a commercial bus collided with a commercial Volkswagen Golf .

Six people, including the two drivers sustained injuries.

The accident occurred at Jakana, about 40 kilometres from Maiduguri.

The accident, according to an eyewitness, occurred at 2:35pm, when the two vehicles collided at a bend near the community.

He said one of the vehicles rammed into the other one.

The eyewitness said before the arrival of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) rescue team at the scene, 18 persons had died, while those rescued were bleeding from their limbs with fractures sustained in their arms, legs and thighs.

Confirming the incident in a telephone, a source in the FRSC who pleaded for anonymity told reporters yesterday: "The auto crash occurred on the Maiduguri-Kano Road, near a village, 40 kilometres from the Maiduguri metropolis."

The source, who could not reveal the number of casualties, said: “What I am certain of is that some people died in the accident. Our rescue team has already taken the injured to the Specialists Hospital in Maiduguri.”

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