

31 die in auto crashes in Kano, Enugu

About 31 persons lost their lives in two separate accidents in Kano and Enugu States at the weekend.

In Kano, seven were confirmed dead in the crash on the Bagadawa-Mil Tara- Katsina Road.

The accident, according to the State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Garba Ibrahim, also caused injuries to nine other passengers.

The accident involved three vehicles, including an articulated vehicle with Reg. No. KTN 628 AA and two Toyota buses with Reg. No. AA 106 KKH and GNN 26 AA.

In Enugu, at least 26 persons died yesterday in the accident at the Oji-River Junction.

The accident, according to the spokesman for the State Police Command, Ebere Amaraizu, occurred when a lorry conveying gravel "lost control thereby killing people within the popular wonderful market."

The truck which was loaded with stones was descending a hill from the Enugu end of the old Enugu-Awka road when its brake failed.

It rammed into passers-by, roadside traders, shop owners, commercial motor cycle riders and vehicles parked by the roadside.

The injured were taken to the Oji-River General Hospital.

Sympathizers including the Chairman of the Market Association, Ide Augustine Mba and Chairman, Oji-River Local Government Area, Mr. Onyemaechi Jideofor, joined law enforcement agents to evacuate the dead and rush the injured to the hospital.

The police are investigating the accident.