

18 burnt to death in Bauchi crash

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Eighteen persons were burnt to death in a collision between a DAF articulated truck and a Toyota Hiace bus on Sunday night.

The accident occurred 18 kilometres from Bauchi, on the Bauchi-Jos Road.

The Nation learnt that the accident happened about 10:46 pm at Buzaye village.

Police spokesman Haruna Mohammed confirmed the crash.

He said: "The accident occurred when a truck heading for Jos from Bauchi collided head-on with passenger bus from the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja.

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"The bus caught fire and the passengers were burnt beyond recognition.

"The truck is registered as XC-675-BAU and the bus BAU-148-XR. It carried 18 passengers.

"The bodies have been deposited at the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Teaching Hospital mortuary."

Mohammed said two victims were identified as the bus driver, Alhaji Adamu Maijama'a, 45, who lived at Jahum in Bauchi, and Yahaya Umar, 41, who also lived in Bauchi.

He said: "A police patrol team attached to the GRA Division and officials of the fire service from Abubakar Tatari Ali Polytechnic (ATAP) put out the fire."

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