

## 13 die in two road accidents

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**T**WO road crashes on Ngurore-Mayo-Belwa highway in Adamawa have claimed 13 lives and severe injuries to 21 others.

A source said yesterday that the first accident, which happened on Monday night, claimed six lives and three others were badly injured.

The Information Officer of Mayo-Belwa Local Government Area, Kabiru Kelly, said the accident involving a bus occurred when the driver attempted to avoid a pothole, but lost control before crashing into a pole.

He said the bodies of the dead had been taken to the Yola Specialist Hospital and the injured victims are receiving treatment at the Mayo-Belwa Cottage Hospital.

Kelly added that the second accident occurred when a Hummer bus and a Toyota starlet had

a head-on collision as the bus driver tried to overtake a heavy duty vehicle. The bus driver then crashed into the oncoming Starlet car.

"The second accident almost wiped off a whole family: a father, his wife and their four children, who were on their way from Jalingo to Zamfara State," Kelly said.

The information officer added that the bodies of the victims were deposited at the Mayo Belwa General Hospital.

Neither the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) nor the police could confirm the accidents.

Both the state FRSC Sector Commander, Hussaini Muhammad, and Police Public Relations Officer, Othman Abubakar, said they were yet to receive any briefing on the accidents.

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