



## Two policewomen, 17 others die in Plateau, Abuja accidents

**T**WO policewomen were among 19 persons who died in road accidents in Plateau State and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

No fewer than 21 others were injured in the incidents.

Borno State Police Command confirmed that the two policewomen were constables, adding that 17 other personnel were injured in the accident that happened on Monday on Hawan Kibo Road in Plateau.

**From Okodili Nnidi, Abuja**

Borno police spokesman Sani Shatambaya said yesterday in a statement that the personnel were en route Uyo for the 2022 Police Games.

He said the contingent was to represent Zone 15 comprising Borno and Yobe commands at the Biannual Police Games in Uyo, Akwa Ibom.

Shatambaya said the accident occurred due to brake failure.

A befitting burial was conducted for the dead while the

injured were being treated in various hospitals in Maiduguri, he said.

Seventeen persons died in the FCT crash, which occurred yesterday on Kwali-Abaji Expressway.

Four persons were injured in the incident involving a commercial bus and a stationary truck.

Spokesperson of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Bisi Kazeem, confirmed the accident, attributing it to fatigue and speeding by the bus driver who travelled all night.

"There were 22 occupants involved in the crash, out of which 17, all male, were killed, while four, also male, were rescued with various degrees of injuries.

"As at the time of this statement, the emergency rescue team of the corps has concluded the rescue of the injured victims to Abaji General Hospital for immediate medical attention, while the remains of the dead victims were deposited at the mortuary," Kazeem said.