



**N**INE commuters were yesterday confirmed dead with 22 injured in road accidents in Bauchi and Ogun states.

① Six people died in the Bauchi incident while 16 were seriously injured.

The crash, which occurred at Sabuwar Miya on the Kafin Madaki-Ningi Highway yesterday morning, involved a white Toyota Hiace bus in the fleet of the state government.

Sector Commander of the Federal Roads Safety Corps (FRSC), Yusuf Abdullahi, said the probable cause of the crash was tyre burst, adding that the victims were taken to Kafin Madaki General Hospital for confirmation of death while the injured were referred to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital

## Christmas Day crashes: Nine die, 22 injured in Bauchi, Ogun

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(ATBUTH) for treatment.

② The Ogun crash involved travellers reportedly going home for the holidays, three of whom died while six sustained injuries.

The accident happened about a kilometer from the long Kara Bridge on Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

Eighteen persons were involved in the crash; 11 came out of the wreckage unhurt, FRSC, Ogun State Sector Command said.

The crash involved a Toyota

Hiace bus and an unmarked vehicle.

Florence Okpe, Superintendent Route Commander and spokesperson of the Command, confirmed the accident, attributing it to excessive speed on the part of the bus driver who made an unsuccessful attempt to overtake the truck.

Okpe said the bus driver lost control and rammed into the rear of the truck.

The unaffected truck kept moving, she said.

According to her, the injured victims hospitalised while the dead were deposited taken to a morgue in Sagamu.