

63 die in Kebbi, Niger, Bauchi road accidents

SIXTY-three persons have died in road crashes in Kebbi, Niger and Bauchi states.

Thirty-five died in Kebbi, 24 in Niger, and four in Bauchi.

All the accidents happened between Sunday and Monday, *The Nation* learnt.

Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Sector Commander in Kebbi, Yusuf Aliyu-Haruna, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Birnin Kebbi yesterday that 40 other persons sustained varying degrees of injuries, adding that three vehicles were involved in the two crashes.

Twelve persons lost their lives in the accident that occurred on Kalgo-Bunza Road on Sunday involving two vehicles.

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1a On Monday, 23 persons lost their lives while travelling in a truck carrying assorted grains from Illela to Ibadan on Jega-Koko Road," he said.

Aliyu-Haruna advised motorists against the consumption of illicit substances.

2 Twenty-four people were confirmed dead in the Niger incident, which involved a truck on Kutigi-Bida Road.

The crash occurred at 10pm on Monday.

The truck which was heading from Zaria to Lagos was conveying grains, millet, guinea corn, maize, and others with about 87 people on board.

The state FRSC Sector Commander, Kumar Tsukwan confirmed the accident, saying that

87 people were involved out of whom 45 people sustained various degrees of injuries.

3 Sector Commander of the FRSC in Bauchi State, Yusuf Abdullahi, said yesterday that four persons died while five were injured in a crash in Dass council of the state.

He said the accident involved a commercial Ford Galaxy vehicle with nine passengers on board.

"Nine persons were involved in the fatal road crash and they were eight male adults and one female adult.

"Four male adults lost their lives on the spot, while five others — four male adults and one female adult — sustained varying degrees of serious injuries," he said.