

# Three die as fire guts commercial bus



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Three female passengers on Tuesday lost their lives while 13 others sustained injuries after fire gutted a commercial bus, the Kano State Fire Service said yesterday.

Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the agency, Saminu Abdullahi, who disclosed the incident in a statement, said the commercial vehicle, a Toyota Hiace bus with registration number XE222TRN, caught fire around the Government Technical College in Nassarawa Local Government Area (LGA) of the state.

The deceased women, he said, were burnt beyond recognition, identifying two of them as Surayya Umar and Zeenai Babaji.

He said the bus was coming from Ajingi LGA and headed to Kofar Wambai, adding that the cause of the accident was speed limit violation and a burst rear tyre.

The statement said that fire personnel and officers of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) successfully put out the fire and rescued most of the victims.

Abdullahi said the remaining 13 victims, who sustained various degrees of injury, were taken to the Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital, Kano, for treatment.

He said that the driver, Muhammed Gali, 35, and his bus conductor Hassan Danladi, 30, were also rescued without any injury and handed over to the police.