

25 die, 53 sustain injuries in Kano auto crash



The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Kano Sector Command has confirmed the death of 25 travellers, saying 53 others were injured in an early morning auto crash.

The incident occurred in the Dangwari International Market, in the metropolitan area of Kano City.

The travellers were said to have been loaded in a trailer which also carried cows heading to the South from Maiduguri. However, the trailer collided with another vehicle and somersaulted.

The state FRSC Sector Commander, Ibrahim Abdullahi, confirmed the incident in a statement yesterday in Kano.

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He said the accident involved a trailer (IVECO) with registration number XA 311 ZB.

"We received a call at about 03:15 am on July 1, 2024. On receiving the information, we quickly dispatched our personnel and vehicle to the scene of the incident to rescue the victims at 03:30 am," Ibrahim said.

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The Sector Commander said the accident occurred as a result of excessive speed, dangerous driving and overloading which led to loss of control.

He further explained that during the rescue operation, items recovered include six motorcycles, ten mobile phones, animals (goats and rams), maize and N400,000.

Abdullahi said the recovered items were in police custody.

"All the victims were immediately conveyed to Murtala Muhammed Specialist Hospital Kano for urgent medical," attention.

"The doctors on duty confirmed 25 dead out of the victims," he said.

He warned motorists against unsafe practices of transporting animals, goods, along with human beings.