

# Three children, 12 adults die in Funtua-Sokoto road accident

**T**HREE children and 12 adults have died in a road accident at Mairuwa village along Funtua-Sokoto road.

The crash occurred at about 11 am on Saturday, November 9.

According to a statement by the spokesman of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Assistant Corps Marshal, Olusegun Ogungbemide, a Toyota Hiace Bus with

From Musa Umar Bologi, Abuja

registration number: MRR 83 XA, traveling from Kano, was involved in the crash caused by a tyre burst. He said the tyre burst eventually led to loss of control, causing the driver to collide head-on with a Dangote Group Sino truck.

Ogungbemide said: "Report of rescue operations conducted indicates that a total of 28

people were involved, comprising 23 male adults, one female adult, one male child, and three female children. From the number, 13 victims (11 male adults, one female adult, and one male child) were rescued with varying injuries, while 15 victims, 11 male adults, one female adult and three female children were killed. Most of the casualties were passengers of the bus."

He said the rescued victims

have been taken to Funtua General Hospital for immediate medical attention.

Reacting to the crash, the Corps Marshal of the FRSC, Shehu Mohammed, condemned the incident.

He said the crash would have been preventable "if the driver had observed established legal speed limits, ensured adequate vehicle maintenance and complied with traffic regulations."