

12 die in Abia, Jigawa road accidents

POLICE Command in Jigawa has confirmed 10 people dead in an accident that occurred at Yanfari village in Taura Local Government Area of the state.

The command's Spokesperson, Mr Lawal Shiisu, said that a Toyota Hummer bus, marked HDJ 631 YDD, conveying 11 passengers from Kano to Hadejia, hit a parked trailer, marked RGN 180 ZC and somersaulted.

He said the driver of the bus, along with nine passengers, died on the spot.

"A police patrol team attached to Taura division raced to the scene and evacuated the corpses to Hadejia General Hospital for medical examinations.

"The doctor on call certified

From Sunny Nwankwo, Umuahia

all the 10 passengers dead, while one passenger was admitted at Majia Primary Health Care Centre and he is responding to treatment," the police spokesperson said.

He said the command had launched an investigation into the incident, adding that anyone found guilty would face legal consequences.

Also in Abia, two yet-to-be identified persons have been reported dead in a fatal auto-crash that occurred along the Enugu-Aba-Port Harcourt Expressway.

The 18-seater bus had inscriptions on it, indicating that it could have been conveying members of The Church of Christ, a popular church in

the state.

Reports have it that other occupants of the vehicle who sustained other degrees of injuries were rushed to the Federal Medical Center (FMC), Umuahia, the state capital for medical attention.

According to reports the occupants of the vehicle were heading to Aba from Umuahia when the accident happened.

Sources said that it happened before a popular mortuary close to Ntigha junction axis of the Enugu-Aba-Port Harcourt Expressway.

The bus was said to be conveying both passengers and others.

Reason for the accident could not be ascertained at the time

of filing the report.

It was, however, gathered that the bus skidded off the road and summersaulted several times before it came to a halt.

It was gathered that one of the passengers was unhurt, as early callers to the scene took other passengers to the FMC, Umuahia to prompt medical attention.

Attempts to reach officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Abia State Command failed as calls through their official line could not go through at the time of filing the report.

The Church of Christ in Abia were yet to issue official statement on the accident involving the bus with their church's inscription.