

23 die in Kano road crash

NO fewer than 23 passengers died in a ghastly motor accident involving a trailer (DAF model) along the Kano-Maiduguri road, under the popular Muhammadu Buhari Interchange Flyover in Kano.

While confirming the incident, the Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC Kano Sector Command, Umar Matazu said the accident involved 71 passengers, out of whom 23 died while 48 others sustained injuries.

Matazu, in a statement by the Command's spokesperson, CRC Abdullahi Labaran, said the accident occurred on Thursday night when the trailer (DAF model) carrying goods and passengers was involved in overspeeding, resulting in loss of control.

According to him, "Upon receiving the distress call, the FRSC Kano rescue team, in collaboration with the Nigeria Police Force, promptly responded to the scene to carry out a rescue operation and restore normal traffic flow.

"The crash involved a trailer

(DAF Model) carrying goods and passengers. The cause of the road traffic crash is dangerous driving due to overspeeding, which resulted in loss of control under the bridge.

"A total of 71 people were involved in the crash. A total of 23 fatalities and 48 injured victims. The injured victims were immediately evacuated to Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital, Kano, for urgent medical attention."

"In response to the tragic incident, the Sector Commander, FRSC Kano Sector Command, CC UM Matazu, has dispatched an investigation team to conduct a thorough inquiry into the crash.

"He also extends his deep condolences to the families of the deceased and prays for the quick recovery of the injured victims."

"Furthermore, the sector commander strongly warns drivers and the general public against the overloading of trailers with goods, animals, and passengers, emphasising that such dangerous practices significantly increase the risk of fatal crashes.