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5 die in auto crash in Zamfara

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FIVE persons died in an auto crash when a 10-seat Sharon bus skidded off the road at Tudun- Gara village near Kaura Namoda in Zamfara on Saturday.

Alhaji Muktar Fago, Federal Road Safety Commission's unit commander in the zone, said the carnage occurred at 6.30 a.m., about 10 kilometres into Kaura-Namoda/Sokoto road.

Fago said "the accident was caused by burst tyre and over speeding which made the driver to lose control and skidded off the road into the bush."

He said three persons died on the spot while two others died when FRSC officials were conveying them to the hospital. "The corpses were deposited at the Kaura Namoda General Hospital," he said.

Fago added that five passengers who sustained various degrees of injuries were taken to Gusau General Hospital for treatment.

Fago said all those involved in the accident were Islamic scholars travelling to Niamey in Niger Republic for the annual International Preaching in that country.

He advised drivers and other road users to drive very carefully "especially this season when we record mass movements and increased religious activities."

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