

3 killed, 18 injured in Bauchi auto crashes

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THREE people were killed while 18 others sustained varying degrees of injury in two separate accidents on the Bauchi-Gombe road in Kirfi Local Government Area of Bauchi State yesterday.

A The Nigerian Tribune gathered that the first accident occurred at about 12:28 p.m. near Shafaru village when a Toyota commercial bus, with registration number XA 447BLR, and a Corolla Hummer Jeep, with registration number AG 123 DKD, collided as a result of brake failure on the part of one of the drivers.

B It was further gathered that the second crash

happened at 1.25p.m., near the Kirfi junction on the highway as a commercial bus with registration number AG 779 KTN attempted to avoid a pothole on the road and in the process, had a head on collision with an oncoming Honda Accord car, with registration number GM 55 BIO.

Confirming the incidents to journalists in Bauchi, the state Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr Sunday Henry Olatunji, disclosed that 33 people, comprising 14 males and 19 females were involved in the crashes.

According to Olatunji, "In the first crash, one of the drivers lost control of

his vehicle and rammed into the other and there was a serious situation afterwards. While the second crash happened when the driver of the commercial bus attempted to avoid a pothole and in the process, collided with the Honda Accord vehicle."

He added that the deceased were all male, who were yet to be identified as of the time of filing this report, while nine females and nine males were injured in the two accidents.

The remains of the deceased, according to Olatunji, had been deposited at the morgue of the General Hospital, Kirfi, while the injured are receiving treatment in the hospital.

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"However, the contract for provision of ICT infrastructural back up for the scheme currently being executed by Webb Fontaine is extended for a period of 18 months to ensure a smooth takeover by NCS," the statement noted.

The Federal Ministry of Finance urged stakeholders and all Nigerians to give the Comptroller General of Customs and his team all the support necessary to manage a smooth and successful takeover, promising that "while no effort was spared in the build up to this process, we should all bear it in mind that transitions of this magnitude may throw up