

9 dead in Bauchi, Delta auto crashes

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SIX people who were said to be related have been killed in an auto accident which occurred on Saturday along the Dass/Bauchi Road in Bayara, a suburb of Bauchi metropolis, just as another three passengers were killed in an auto accident in Delta State.

In Bauchi State, a source told the Nigerian Tribune that the victims were on their way to the state capital from Dass, when the incident occurred.

The source narrated that the vehicle in which the victims were travelling lost control and veered off the road and entered into a ditch.

It was learnt that the victims were buried in Dass on Sunday after Islamic funeral prayers were said in front of the palace of the Emir of Dass.

The caretaker chairman of Bogoro Local Government Area of the state, Illiya Habila, in his condolence message, expressed great pain over the incident.

Efforts to get confirmation of the accident from the state sector command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) proved abortive as calls put through

to phone number of the agency's Head of Operations did not connect as of the time of filing this report.

In Delta State, the alone accident involved a Delta Line transport company at the Otulu Junction, along the Asaba-Onitsha expressway in Delta State, claiming three lives.

Eight other passengers were seriously injured in the accident that occurred around 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the bus was coming from the Onitsha side of the road in top speed when one of its tyres burst, thereby making the driver lose control and the vehicle headed for the bush.

Confirming the accident, the state sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr Ocheja Ameh, said: "My men have briefed me on the incident. The vehicle involved belonged to the Delta Line transport company.

"A tyre got burst and the driver could not control the vehicle again and it crashed into a bush. The accident left three people, two men and one woman, dead, while eight others were injured."

FRSC to impound trailers not