

## ① Again, accident claims 6 in Niger

THE Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Niger says four people have been burnt to ashes in a fresh accident in Kutigi town of Lavun Local Government Area of the state.

The News Agency of Nigeria NAN reported that the FRSC confirmed the death of six persons in a road traffic crash that occurred on Monday on the Kutigi-Mokwa road in Mokwa Local Government Area of the state.

The FRSC Sector Commander in the state, Mr Joel Dagwa, told NAN in Minna, the state capital, on Tuesday that the accident occurred at about 6.45 p.m.

According to Dagwa, the Kutigi-Mokwa road accident involved three articulated vehicles, including a tanker loaded with diesel travelling from Lagos to the North, a truck conveying container loaded with goods and sus-

pected to be having over 200 passengers from the North going to Lagos and another trailer.

He said the registration numbers of the vehicles were not visible as they were burnt.

He explained that a petrol tanker collided with two other trucks loaded with grains and scores of passengers heading to Lagos and a container truck.

"The three articulated vehicles caught fire and combustible products, ignited, spilled over and burnt the three trucks to ashes.

"The raging inferno engulfed several shops and houses in the neighbourhood, while passengers with varying degrees of injury were taken to the General Hospital Kutigi for treatment.

"All the four corpses have been deposited at Kutigi General Hospital's morgue," he said.