

Multiple accidents claim 20 lives in Bauchi

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TWO auto accidents that occurred within a 30-minute interval in different locations in Bauchi State on Sunday claimed 20 lives, while seven others were injured.

The sector commander of the Federal Roads Safety Corps (FRSC), Yusuf Abdullahi, confirmed the accidents while briefing newsmen on Monday.

According to Abdullahi, the two accidents occurred 30 minutes apart and at two different locations.

He said the first accident, which involved two vehicles, an 18-seater Toyota Hummer commercial bus and a trailer, occurred at about 7:00 p.m., at Bambal Village on the Kano-Jama'are highway.

The FRSC boss said the 18-seater bus collided with the trailer and went up in flames, adding that the passengers were burnt beyond recognition.

Abdullahi said: "The crash was caused by speed viola-

tion. There were 16 people involved in this crash, comprising 10 male adults and six female adults. The bodies of the deceased were taken to the General Hospital, Kiyawa, where a medical doctor confirmed them dead."

Abdullahi said the second accident occurred at about 6:30 p.m. at Duhuwar Kura village, on the Azare-Zaki road, where four passengers were killed and seven others injured.

He stated that the crash, which was also caused by speed violation and overloading, involved a Volkswagen Golf car and a Bajaj Boxer motorcycle.

"There were 11 people involved in the crash, comprising nine male adults, one female adult and one female child.

"After the crash, the victims were rushed to the Federal Medical Center, Azare, for confirmation and treatment, and a medical doctor confirmed four male adults dead.