

30 passengers die in Kaduna road accident

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NO fewer than 30 passengers were burnt beyond recognition while 12 others sustained serious injuries from an accident involving three vehicles

at Tashan Musa at Zaria - Kano express way in Kadan Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when two of the affected vehicles collided and immediately went in flames.

It was gathered that the driver of the third vehicle, a Volkswagen golf salon car, lost control and rammed into the buses.

A witness revealed that, "Even the number plates of the vehicles were burnt beyond recognition."

"We saw most of the passengers burn to ashes. We could count 30 burnt bodies. We were helpless. Only 12 passengers who sustained injuries were rescued and were rushed to Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital Shika."

The Head of Public Enlightenment, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Zaria unit, Malam Idris, who confirmed the number of those who died in the accident said it occurred on Thursday afternoon about 3.30 pm. He attributed the cause of the

accident to over-speeding and wrongful overtaking, which he said was always responsible for the fatal accidents on Nigeria's major roads.

He said that the bodies of the victims had been evacuated while survivors have been taken to the hospital.

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