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12 killed in Abuja, Bauchi auto crashes

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NINE persons have been confirmed killed and 10 others injured in an auto crash at Yangoji- Abaji road, in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja.

The Corps Public Education Officer (CPEO) of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Bisi Kazeem, confirmed this in a statement on Sunday in Abuja.

Kazeem said the crash involved a Toyota Hiace bus and a Howo Sino truck on Yangoji-Abaji road at about 6:05a.m. on Sunday.

He said that the bus was coming from Osun State and was heading for Katsina when it crashed into the stationary truck.

Kazeem said: "Twenty-two people were involved in the crash. They were all males. Ten were injured and nine were killed. First aid was given to two persons.

"The FRSC recovered N3,170, six bags and four different mobile phones.

"The rescue was by the joint team of Zebra 6 Yangoji, Zebra 6, 16 Abaji and the police.

"However, the injured victims were taken to the General Hospital, Abaji by Zebra 16 and police on patrol, while the nine corpses were

deposited at the mortuary of the General Hospital, Kwali.

"The police at Kwali division have taken over the investigation."

In another development, the Bauchi State sector command of the FRSC has confirmed the death of three persons in accidents at two different locations in the state.

According to a First Information Report (FIR) from the FRSC sector commander, Yusuf Abdullahi, on Sunday, the accidents occurred at different times in Azare and Bauchi on Friday and Saturday respectively.

The FIR reveals that the accident at Azare, on September 2, occurred at about 11:49a.m., at Shira roundabout on the Azare-Shira road.

The accident involved a Mercedes Benz C Class vehicle, with the possible cause of accident being over-speeding.

Five persons were involved in the accident, while two male adults were killed.

The second crash occurred near Zaranda Hotel, on the Bauchi - Jos highway.

The FRSC boss said the accident involved a Bajaj commercial motorcycle driven by one Musa Saleh and a commercial tipper, with the motorcyclist losing his life.