

## 11 dead, six injured in Plateau, Niger auto accidents

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EIGHT persons died, while two others sustained serious injuries in an auto crash that occurred on the Jos-Lamingo road in Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State on Saturday.

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), in a statement signed by its Public Enlightenment Officer, Peter Y. Longsan, said the accident occurred at about 3:10 p.m.

According to the statement, Longsan said the crash involved two vehicles, a Toyota Hiace bus and a Honda Pilot Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV).

He said 10 people were involved in the accident, adding that eight died on the spot -- three adult males, four adult females, and a child -- while two sustained injuries.

The statement added that the incident occurred as a result of overspeeding by one of the drivers, which led to a loss of control and a head-on collision with the other vehicle.

The two injured victims had been taken to the Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH) by the FRSC Rescue Team, while the corpses of the deceased were deposited at the old JUTH.

2 In Niger State, three persons were killed, while four others sustained injuries in an auto crash that occurred at Gunu village in Munya Local Government Area on Friday, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) has reported.

Sector Commander of the FRSC in the state, Kumar Tsukwam, told **NAN** in Minna on Sunday that the accident involved a commercial bus and a saloon car.

He said: "Seven persons were involved in the accident; three of them died, while four others sustained injuries."

"The dead and the injured were taken away by their family members."

"The vehicles were handed over to the police at Munya Divisional Police Office."

Tsukwam blamed the accident on excessive speeding and loss of control on the part of one of the drivers.