Auto crash claims 30 lives in Kwara in two weeks

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KWARA State sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr Frederick Ade-Ogidan, has said that 30 people were killed in multiple accidents within the past two weeks in the state.

Speaking on the sideline of the launch of this year's ember months' campaign and mega rally in Ilorin on Thursday, the FRSC boss said the auto crashes involved three separate incidents.

He said: "One involved four casualties, another one involved nine persons and the last one had 16 people who all died in the process.

"Most of them were actually multiple accidents, with the last one happening over the weekend on the Ilorin/ Jebba/Ogbomosho highway."

As a result, he appealed to motorists to avoid overspeeding, overloading and use of unsafe tyres to reduce accidents, just as he added that all stakeholders should redouble efforts at ensuring safety on the roads.

He said: "As the year draws to an end, you can only but expect an increase in our patrol operations, enforcement and rescue operations as this is the only way to ensure we arrive alive to our destinations."

He specially appealed to commercial drivers to ensure they drive with valid driver's license, while their vehicles should be in good conditions.