

Eight killed in Adamawa accidents

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EIGHT persons have been killed in two separate auto accidents on the Yola-Mubi road in Adamawa State.

The accidents occurred about 30 kilometres apart on the highway.

One of the accidents involved a trailer conveying 600 bags of grains to Yola, the state capital.

An eyewitness informed the *Nigerian Tribune* that the driver of the truck and his two motorboys were pulled out of the truck and rushed to a health facility at Jabbi-Lamba, which is about 25 kilometers from Yola.

The eyewitness said the truck was trying to evade some potholes when it fell.

The second accident involved a commercial bus which somersaulted several times before crashing into a bridge.

It was gathered that the eight-seater Ford bus was trying to negotiate a sharp bend on high speed at Murke village in Song Local Government Area when it somersaulted.

As of the time of filing this report, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the state police were yet to issue statements on the accidents.

Meanwhile, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) says it recorded a total of 19,787 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) and 9,227 deaths in 2021 and 2022.

According to the *News*

Agency of Nigeria (NAN), the FRSC's acting Corps Marshal, Dauda Biu, stated this during a press briefing on Monday in Abuja.

Biu said a comparative analysis of RTCs between 2021 and 2022 revealed that from January to December 2021, the Corps recorded 10,304 crashes nationwide.

He said 9,483 RTCs were recorded in same period in 2022, adding that there was eight per cent decrease in road crashes.

"Out of the recorded crashes, the corps successfully brought down the rate of fatalities as we also recorded eight per cent in the number of people who were killed.

"For instance, our records

show that between January and December 2021, a total of 4,800 people were killed, while on the other hand, a total of 4,427 people were killed in 2022," he said.

The FRSC boss said that during ongoing patrols nationwide, there would be traffic counts to enable the corps have proper understanding of the inflow and outflow of traffic within specific routes and times during the Yuletide.

"These would also facilitate better planning against similar operation in the future," he said.

NAN reported that 36,224 personnel and 1,226 patrol logistics have been deployed to ease vehicular movement during the Yuletide across the country.