

2 17 killed in Niger auto crash

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ABOUT 17 people were on Tuesday killed in an auto crash at Takalafia village, on Yawuri expressway in Magama Local Government Area of Niger State.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the accident, which occurred at about 3:00a.m., involved an open body DAF trailer and a passenger vehicle.

It was learnt that the driver of the trailer was on speed, which made him lose control of the vehicle and crushed an oncoming vehicle.

The Public Education Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Bisi Kazeem, confirmed the accident in a statement issued in Abuja, a copy of which was made

available to newsmen.

Kazeem said the accident involved 29 people, consisting of 20 male adults, four female adults and five male children.

He said the injured victims were evacuated and taken to Kontagora General Hospital for treatment, while the bodies of the deceased were deposited at the mortuary of the hospital.

Meanwhile, President Bola Tinubu has commiserated with the people and government of Niger State over the accident and loss of lives.

A statement issued on Wednesday by Special Adviser to the President (Media and Publicity), Ajuri Ngelale, said the president condoled with the families of the deceased and prays for the repose of their souls.