

25 dead, 53 injured in Kano auto accident —FRSC

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THE Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Kano Sector Command, has confirmed the death of 25 travellers, while 53 others sustained various degrees of injury in an early morning auto crash.

The Sector Commander in the state, Ibrahim Abdullahi, confirmed the incident in a statement issued to newsmen on Monday in Kano.

According to him, the incident occurred in the Dangwaro International Market, in the metropolitan area of Kano City.

He disclosed that the travellers were said to have been loaded in a trailer which also carried cows heading to the southern part of Nigeria from Maiduguri.

The statement added that the trailer collided with another vehicle and somersaulted.

Abdullahi further disclosed that the accident involved a trailer (IVECO) with registration number XA 311 ZB.

"We received a call at about 03:15 am on July 1, 2024. On receiving the information, we quickly dispatched our personnel and vehicle to the scene of the incident to rescue the victims at 03:30 am," he said.

He attributed the accident to excessive speed, dangerous driving and overloading.

He said that the victims were immediately conveyed to the Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital, Kano, for urgent medical attention.

"The doctors on duty confirmed 25 dead out of the victims," he said.

He further explained that during the rescue operation, items recovered include six motorcycles, 10 mobile phones, animals (goats and rams), maize and the sum of N400,000.

Abdullahi said that all the recovered items were in police custody.

The command warned motorists against unsafe practices of transporting animals and goods along with human beings.