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16 die, 22 injured in Katsina road crashes

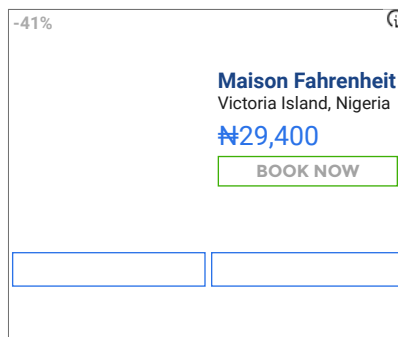
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Sixteen people have been confirmed dead while 22 others were injured in two separate road accidents in Mani and Kankia Local Government Areas of Katsina State on Wednesday.

The two auto crashes occurred along the Katsina/ Kano Road and the Katsina/Mani Road.



Corpses of the victims have been deposited at the General Hospital, Kankia and the General Hospital, Mani respectively, where those injured were also receiving treatment.

The Federal Roads Safety Commission Katsina Sector Commander, Abdulsule Bagadawa, confirmed the accidents, revealing that they were caused by wrong overtaking and over speeding at a sharp corner.

The first accident, according to him, occurred at Fanga village along the Katsina/Kano Road and it involved two vehicles.

Six men and a woman died in the accident while 13 others reportedly sustained varying degrees of injury.

The two vehicles are a Volkswagen Golf 111 with number plate, RRN 312 XA and a Volkswagen Sharon marked KMC 650 AA.

The FRSC sector commander said the driver of one of the vehicles wrongly overtook the other while on top speed, resulting in the fatal accident.

Bagadawa revealed that the second accident involved an ash colour Toyota Hummer bus, with Registration Number DRA 183 XA.

He added that the driver of the bus allegedly lost control due to speeding while approaching a sharp corner. This, he said, resulted into a fatal accident as the car somersaulted and killed nine passengers on the spot.

The FRSC commander said those who died in the accident were six men, two women and a toddler, adding that nine others sustained injuries.

He implored road users, particularly commercial drivers, to be cautious on the road and regulate their speed.

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