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Four of the deceased

*Afeez Hanafi*

KILLED ON SUNDAY IN AN ACCIDENT

ZARIA EXPRESSWAY.

Three others were also ;

the crash, which happened around 8.30am, was burnt.

Two vehicles involved in

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respective destinations when a Golf car ran into a bus conveying them.

It was gathered that officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps and some policemen rescued the survivors and took them to St Lukes Hospital, Wusasa, Zaria.

A colleague of the deceased, Suhail Saulawa, shared the tragic news on his

Twitter handle, @cadet\_suhail.

One of the deceased, according to his name tag, was identified as A.M. Bello, while Saulawa gave the names of three others simply as Ayisha, Dabiri and Yamad.

He stated that Dabiri posted on *Instagram* a few hours before the incident, lamenting that the deceased was an advocate of better policing in the country.

He wrote, “Surely, every soul shall taste the bitterness of death. Today (Sunday), we lost four of our junior cadets on their way back home on break, along Kano-Zaria Expressway.

“Dari, a highly reformed gentleman officer; his dream for better policing will never go in vain. We will continue from where you stopped #RIP, my gentle and loyal boy. See you in a better place.

“At About 22:30hrs (10pm on Saturday), late Dari passed by me while he was dashing and late Yamad was the man of the match in yesterday’s (Saturday) football match. But that’s the irony of life; may Allah forgive them all. RIP.”



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cadet; may Allah bless

and forgive his gentle soul,” he *tweeted*.

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Mr. Bisi Kazeem, who confirmed the crash, said the corpses of the victims had been handed over to their families.

He said the corps received a distress call at 8.40am and mobilised its men to the scene immediately, adding that nine persons were involved in the crash.

He said, “The accident was caused by speed violation; while two vehicles – a Ford transit white bus with the number plate, KMC 274 YW, and a black Volkswagen Golf – were involved. The number plate of the Golf car could not be ascertained because the whole vehicle was burnt.

“Nine people (eight males and a female) were involved. While three males were injured, six persons – five males and a female – died. Five of the deceased were policemen. The injured victims were taken to St Lukes Hospital, Wusasa, Zaria, and the dead bodies were handed over to the relatives.”

The Force Public Relations Officer, ACP Jimoh Moshood, said the Inspector-General of Police, Ibrahim Idris, commiserated with the families of the late cadets, adding that they (the families) had been informed about the incident through the commandant of the police academy.

He said, “It was an unfortunate incident and everybody is sad. The commandant informed me this morning (Sunday). The Inspector-General of Police and the entire Nigeria Police Force commiserate with their families and colleagues.

“The IG has equally directed a full scale investigation into the accident and the Kaduna State Police Command is doing so. They were on holidays; a J5 car ran into a vehicle they were travelling in.”