

17 feared dead in Ilorin/Jebba road crash

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SEVENTEEN people were feared dead in an auto crash at Bacita Junction along the Ilorin/Jebba/Mokwa highway in Kwara State on Thursday afternoon.

The accident, which involved an 18-seater Toyota Hiace passenger bus and an articulated DAF container truck, also left two people injured.

It was gathered that the accident occurred as a result

of speeding and dangerous driving.

Speaking on the crash, the Head of Operations, Federal Road Safety Corps, Kwara State Sector Command, Udeme Eshiet, said the DAF container truck was going towards Jebba, while the passenger bus was coming to Ilorin from the North when the crash occurred.

The FRSC official said, "Due to the speed of the two drivers they could not negotiate the sharp bend properly, and when they eventually met,

it resulted into a head-on collision."

Udeme said the injured victims had been taken to the General Hospital, Jebba for treatment while the deceased were taken to the mortuary.

The road safety official, who called on motorists to be more careful while driving to check avoidable accidents, added that passengers should always caution the drivers.

Udeme advised commuters to report reckless and recalcitrant drivers to law enforcement agents nearby.