

Zamfara auto accident claims multiple lives

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Multiple people lost their lives and many others injured following a head-on-collision along the Gusau- Zaria road in Zamfara State in the early hours of Friday.

The two vehicles – a petrol tanker and Peugeot 307 –immediately burst into flames, burning all passengers in the vehicles beyond recognition.

A boy was electrocuted when he touched a cable destroyed by the vehicles, while three firefighters sustained varying degrees of injury and were rushed to a hospital.

It took firefighters who arrived in three fire trucks more than five hours to put out the fire.

Many motorists, who spoke to our correspondent, explained that they spent three to four hours waiting at the scene of the accident due to gridlock.

Police and soldiers were later mobilised to clear the road, but motorists still found it difficult to move due to traffic congestion.

An eyewitness, who gave his name as Yunusa Musa, said the tanker driver was trying to avoid a motorcyclist who was ahead of him when he lost control of his vehicle and hit the Peugeot 307 coming from the opposite direction.

Yunusa said, “Immediately the two vehicles collided, they were engulfed in flames, with occupants of the two vehicles burnt beyond recognition.”

He said the boy who was terrified as a result of the accident and was running for his dear life and stepped on a cable destroyed by the vehicles was electrocuted and died on the spot.

Confirming the incident, the Federal Road Safety Corps officer in charge of operations in the state, Ibro Danladi, said they had yet to have the casualty figure, but trying to identify those that lost their lives in the accident.

Danladi said the drivers of the vehicles were among those who lost their lives.