Six persons die in Bauchi auto crash

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File copy: Scene of an accident

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Six people have been killed in a fatal auto crash in Sabuwar Gwaram village along Bauchi-Alkaleri Road in Bauchi State.

The accident, which involved two vehicles, was said to have occurred on Saturday.

The Head of Operations, Federal Road Safety Corps, Bauchi Sector Command, Ibrahim Abubakar, confirmed the incident to our correspondent in a telephone interview on Monday.

According to him, the two vehicles involved in the accident are a Toyota Camry and a Volkswagen Golf.

Abubakar, who said the accident was caused by excessive speeding, added that the driver of one of the cars was trying to avoid a pothole but lost control and had a head-on collision with the other car.

He said, "The accident which occurred on Saturday around 10.55am in Sabuwar Gwaram along Alkaleri-Bauchi Road, involved two vehicles. The two vehicles are a Toyota Camry with number plate, AT 401 JJN, and a Volkswagen Golf with number plate, AB 776 AKK.

"The driver of the Volkswagen Golf in the process of trying to avoid a pothole, lost control and had a head-on collision with the other car, the Toyota Camry.

"We got a call and our men from the Alkaleri command rushed to the scene of the crash for a rescue operation and evacuated the victims to the hospital. Six people in the two vehicles, two females and four males, were confirmed dead by a medical doctor."

Abubakar, who is a Deputy Corp Commander, called on drivers to obey traffic regulations especially during the ember months.

"I call on motorists to be more careful on the road and observe traffic regulations. They should avoid excessive speeding which is a major cause of accident on highways.

"This call is very important especially at this period of ember months where there is a high volume of vehicles on the highways. If they do this, road crashes which lead to loss of lives and property will be reduced to the barest minimum," he said.