14 die in Kano auto crash

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FILE: An accident scene

Tukur Muntari, Kano

Fourteen persons have been killed in an auto crash in Makole Village along Wudil-Kano road in Kano State.

Similarly, eight persons were said to have sustained injuries in the accident that occurred on Thursday night.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Kano Sector Command, Mr Zubairu Mato, confirmed the incident in a statement on Friday in Kano.

According to him, the commercial Toyota Hiace bus involved in the accident was conveying 22 persons when it burst into flame after crashing in the village.

He blamed the crash on overloading, saying 22 persons were loaded in the bus out of which two were men, 15 women, two male children, and three female children.

"The accident occurred around 10:40 pm yesterday (Thursday), and on receiving the information, we quickly dispatched our personnel and vehicle to the scene of the accident to rescue the victims about 10:50 p.m.

"The victims were evacuated to Wudil General Hospital where the 14 dead bodies were deposited at the mortuary, while the remaining eight victims are currently receiving treatment," he said.