Two killed in Bauchi road crash

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Two people have been killed while six others sustained varying degrees of injury in a road crash near Gubi village along Bauchi-Kano Road, about 10 kilometres away from the Bauchi metropolis.

The acting Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Bauchi State Sector Command, Ibrahim Abubakar, confirmed the accident to our correspondent.

He said, "Yes, the accident occurred. Yesterday, Thursday, April 16, 2020, at about 5.30pm, we received a call from a Good Samaritan that there was a fatal crash after a checkpoint, near Gubi Village along Bauchi-Kano federal highway.

"Immediately, our men rushed to the scene, they discovered that a commercial car, Volkswagen Golf 3 wagon, whose driver has yet to be ascertained, had a lone accident.

"The accident, according to some of the survivors, was caused by speed violation by their driver who lost control and veered into a pit by the roadside. They said they were travelling from Jos, Plateau State and were heading for Kano State when the unfortunate incident happened."

Abubakar, who said the vehicle had eight passengers, all males, when the accident occurred, added that when the FRSC officials got to the scene of the crash, they evacuated the victims to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital, Bauchi for medical attention.

"It was there that two people were confirmed dead by a medical doctor. The remaining six passengers sustained varying degrees of injuries and are currently receiving medical care.

"The corpses of the two passengers were deposited at the mortuary, after which the families of the deceased would be contacted and the corpses released to them for burial," he stated.

The acting sector commander called for attitudinal change from motorists, saying this would go a long way in reducing fatal crashes on the highway.

He said, "Speed violation is a major cause of crashes on our roads. Most of the drivers plying these roads move on high speed coupled with the bad roads that we have. Despite these bad roads, these drivers embark on journeys on suicidal speed.

"We have tried to seek for the attitudinal change of the drivers because when they change their attitudes while driving, crashes on the roads will be reduced to the barest minimum."