

20 burnt, two women escape as vehicles collide in Bauchi

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Scene of the crash

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A fatal crash at the Tirwun suburb of Bauchi, about three kilometres to the state capital, has claimed the lives of 20 persons, who were burnt beyond recognition.

Our correspondent learnt that the crash involved two vehicles.

It was gathered that only two females survived without the accident out of the 22 passengers in the two vehicles.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Ahmed Wakil, confirmed the crash in a telephone interview with *PUNCH Metro*.

He said the accident involved a Borno Express Mass Transit bus, which had a head-on collision with a Golf car.

Wakil stated that the crash occurred around 3pm.

He said, “Yes, the accident is true and it happened in the Tirwun area of the state. The accident involved 22 passengers, who were in two different vehicles, a Hummer 18-passenger bus belonging to the Borno Express Mass Transit and a Golf car. The bus had 18 passengers on board, while the car had four.

“The bus was heading for Maiduguri from Jos, while the Golf car was coming from Misau and was heading for Bauchi.

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“Immediately we were called, our men from the Motor Traffic Department rushed to the scene for rescue operation and conveyed all the victims to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital, Bauchi.

“Among the 22 passengers, 20 of them were burnt beyond recognition, while two females survived the accident.

“The corpses were deposited in the mortuary, while the two injured victims are at the same hospital receiving treatment.”

Efforts by our correspondent to get the reaction of the state command of the Federal Road Safety Corps were abortive.

The Sector Commander, Yusuf Abdullahi, did not take several calls to his mobile telephone and had yet to return them as of the time of filing this report.

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