

Casualty in Bauchi crash rise to 21, FRSC identifies victims

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Scene of the crash

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The Federal Road Safety Corps, Bauchi State Sector Command, has said one of the two survivors of the crash that killed 20 people on Sunday has died.

This brings the total number of deaths to 21.

PUNCH Metro had reported that a fatal crash at the Tirwun suburb of Bauchi, about three kilometers to the state capital, on Sunday, claimed the lives of 20 people, who were burnt beyond recognition.

The Bauchi State Police Public Relations Officer, Ahmed Wakil, who confirmed the incident in a telephone interview with our correspondent, said only two females survived out of the 22 passengers in the two vehicles – a Hummer bus and a Golf car.

He said the 18-seater Hummer bus, belonging to the Borno Express Mass Transit, was heading for Maiduguri from Jos, Plateau State, while the Golf car was going to Bauchi

from Misau when the accident happened.

The FRSC Sector Commander, Yusuf Abdullahi, said the only survivor of the accident was on admission at the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital, Bauchi.

He also revealed the identities of victims in the passenger manifest of one of the vehicles, which he sent to our correspondent.

Abdullahi said five of the passengers were going to Damaturu, while six were going to Maiduguri.

According to the manifest of the Borno mass transit bus, with the number plate, BO-89-A-28, six were males and seven were females.

The passengers are Okoh Moses, Ishaq Hamza, Success Yerima, Babangida Hassan, Palmala Gaji and Kolo Kyari.

Others are Fatima Mele, Maryam, Christiana Pam, Ghory Zaka and Yusuf Nadabo, while the driver was identified as Ado.

The FRSC called on relatives of the deceased to come to the Bauchi State Sector Command to claim their property.

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