

FRSC warns against reckless driving as Bauchi crash claims 10

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about 10 people died in a fatal crash involving a Gombe State Mass Transit Bus and a commercial motorcycle in the Azare local government area of Bauchi State.

Twelve other people were also said to have been injured in the crash which occurred at about 3pm on Saturday on the Jama'are road in Azare.

The Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Bauchi State Sector Command, Yusuf Abdullahi, confirmed the accident to *Sunday PUNCH* in a telephone conversation on Saturday.

Abdullahi who said 22 people were involved in the crash explained that four people on the motorcycle were killed while the remaining six were on the bus which had 18 passengers.

He said that the crash was caused by reckless driving, adding that the Azare Command of the FRSC was informed of the incident and immediately started a rescue operation by taking the casualties to the hospital.

Abdullahi said, “There was a crash this afternoon (Saturday) on Jama’are road in Azare town (Katagum Local Government Area). The accident involved a vehicle belonging to Gombe line and an okada conveying four people including the rider. The *okada* man crossed the bus which was speeding and it knocked him down.

“Our men in Azare town were called and they rushed to the scene and rescued the victims to the hospital where a medical doctor confirmed the 10 people dead, four on the motorcycle and six on the bus.

“Twelve other people sustained varying degrees of injuries. Twenty-two people were involved in the crash; four on the motorcycle and 18 on the bus.”

He gave the details of those involved as 14 male adults, five female adults, one male child and two female children.

The FRSC boss said that the corpses of the deceased were taken to the mortuary at the Federal Medical Center, Azare while the injured passengers were taken to the new Jama’are clinic for treatment.

He advised motorists to be cautious while on the road to reduce fatal road crashes.

Abdullahi said, “My call to the public, particularly fleet operators, is to reduce speed and they should install speed-limiting devices on their vehicles so that it will check drivers’ excesses which will reduce loss of lives and property.”