

2 Kaduna crash claims 12 as vehicle suffers brake failure

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TWELVE persons have been killed in a ghastly motor accident on the Kaduna-Abuja Road in the Kachia Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

12 victims eight community prison remand

Emenike Okoro, asked the court to deny the accused persons bail considering the amount involved, adding that the money was entrusted to them on trust by the community.

However, counsel for the accused persons, Eze Kelechi, in a nine-paragraph counter affidavit, stated that the alleged offences were bailable.

The judge, Justice Mary Enwereji, in her ruling, said the accused persons would not be kept behind the bars because of their ages.

She admitted them to bail in the sum of N3m each with a surety in like sum.

Justice Enwereji said the court would not hesitate to issue a warrant of arrest on any surety that failed to present any of the accused persons while the matter lasted.

Government Area of Kaduna State.

The state Commissioner of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, who confirmed the tragedy, said the accident was caused by a brake failure.

Aruwan said the lone crash involved a Toyota Hiace conveying 18 passengers from Kaduna to Abuja.

He said the 12 victims died on the spot, while six other passengers were rushed to a hospital for medical attention.

The commissioner said, "On a sad note, security agencies have reported to the Kaduna State Government that 12 persons died and six others were injured following a ghastly road traffic crash on Monday afternoon in Nasarawa Doka, along the Kaduna-Abuja Road in Kachia LGA.

"The crash involved a lone Toyota Hiace bus conveying 18 passengers from Kaduna to Abuja. The cause of the crash has been identified as a brake failure following a tyre explosion. The six injured passengers were rushed to a hospital."