

# Six killed as bus crashes in Bauchi, FRSC blames speeding

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**N**O fewer than six persons have been reported killed in a crash involving a lone vehicle with 21 occupants.

Fifteen other passengers were said to have sustained varying degrees of injury. Our correspondent gathered that the vehicle belonged to Kano Line owned by the Kano State Government.

The fatal crash was said to have occurred on Sunday around 11.30am at Kwanan Digiza, along Jama'are-Azare Road.

The Commander, Federal Road Safety Corp, Bauchi State Sector Command, Yusuf Abdullahi, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent on the telephone, added that the crash was caused by speed violation.

He, however, did not give further details.

Abdullahi said, "The crash involved a commercial Toyota Hiace bus which with number plate, KN21-H41. It is a vehicle belonging to Kano Line. It was caused by speed violation; the vehicle went off the road and crashed.

"The crash involved 21 people, four male adults, 14 female adults, one male child and two female children.

"Immediately our men at the Azare office were called, our personnel rushed to the scene of the crash for rescue operation.

"When they got there, they rushed the victims to the Jama'are General Hospital.

"Upon arrival, six female adults were confirmed dead by a medical doctor while 15 others sustained varying degrees of injury.

"Fifteen others were injured. They are made up of four male adults, eight female adults, one male child and two female children."

The FRSC boss lamented the menace of speed violation by motorists, calling on drivers to always drive at a reasonable speed and obey all traffic rules.