Five burnt, nine injured as transport buses collide in Bauchi

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No fewer than five people were killed in a fatal crash on Wednesday at Nabardo village on the Bauchi-Toro-Jos highway.

Our correspondent learnt that the passengers were burnt beyond recognition in the crash, which involved two vehicles.

The two commercial vehicles, a Toyota Hummer belonging to the Gombe Line Transport Company, and a Toyota Sienna owned by the Adamawa Sunshine Company, were said to have had a head-on collision.

Nine other passengers reportedly sustained varying degrees of injury in the accident.

The Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Bauchi State, Yusuf Abdullahi, who confirmed the crash, said 15 people were involved.

He said, "Yes, there was a crash which occurred yesterday (Wednesday) at 1.35pm at Nabardo village, along Bauchi-Toro highway.

"The crash was caused by dangerous driving and speed violation.

"A total of 15 people were involved in the crash comprising 13 male adults and two female adults.

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"Immediately the crash happened, the vehicles went up in flames. Two of the passengers were burnt in the fire.

"When we were called, our personnel rushed to the scene within 15 minutes for a rescue operation. They rushed them to the Toro General Hospital, where a medical doctor confirmed five male adults dead.

"Those who sustained varying degrees of injury were nine in number: eight male adults and one female adult. Some of them sustained burns, some cuts while some had bruises."

Abdullahi said the corpses were deposited in the hospital's morgue, while the injured were receiving treatment in the medical facility.

"We will not relent in calling on drivers to always drive within the approved speed limit and they should obey all traffic rules and regulations laid down by the government," he added.