

Five killed, others injured as bus rams into stationary truck in Bauchi

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FIVE people have been killed in a fatal crash at Zalanga village along the Bauchi-Darazo Road, in the Darazo Local Government Area of Bauchi State. Five others reportedly sustained varying degrees of injury.

The Bauchi State Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Yusuf Abdullahi, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Monday, said it occurred around 10pm on Sunday.

The crash happened barely 24 hours after eight people were killed in a fatal crash on Saturday night at Goltukurwa



• Scene of an accident

village, Dass-Bauchi Road.

Similarly, on Sunday,

multiple crashes claimed the lives of 20 people at

cables blames mother for eloping with lover

men. We searched them and we discovered the cables in the bags, following which they confessed to the crime.

"The fifth suspect was caught in the act of stealing a motorcycle alongside a fleeing colleague on Friday. Our men arrested him when he was trying to steal the motorcycle. We got a distress call and unfortunately for him, we arrested him in the process, while his friend fled.

"The five suspects will be handed over to the police for further investigation while efforts will be intensified to arrest the fleeing friend of the suspected Okada robber."

One of the suspects, identified simply as Ojo, who claimed to be a 300-level law student in a Nigerian university, said he stole the cables to raise money for his school fees.

The 18-year-old said, "I lost

my father years ago and my mother has stopped financing my education in the university after eloping with another man. I am a 300-level law student. I came to Ekiti to 'hustle' for money to pay my school fees.

"I have never been involved in any crime in my life and I regret doing this. I want the government to have mercy on me and allow me to return to my education. I want to be a lawyer."

Bambal village along the Kano-Jama'are highway and Duhuwar Kura village, along the Azare-Zaki Road. Sixteen of the victims were burnt beyond recognition.

Confirming the latest crash, the sector commander said it took personnel of the FRSC 39 minutes to arrive at the scene for a rescue operation.

Abdullahi noted that the crash involved a commercial Volkswagen Sharon bus belonging to the National Union of Road Transport Workers and driven by one Isa Mohammed, and a trailer.

He said, "The unfortunate incident occurred last night at 10pm at Zalanga village along the Bauchi-Darazo Road. The crash involved two vehicles. It was caused by an obstruction on the road by the trailer; the bus rammed into it.

"When we were called, our men rushed there within 39 minutes and rushed the victims to the Darazo General Hospital for treatment and confirmation.

"It was at the hospital that a medical doctor confirmed five people dead. Five others sustained varying degrees of injury."