

19 die in Kano road crash, 26 others injured

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NOT fewer 19 persons lost their lives on Thursday in an auto crash at Bagauda, near the Nigeria Law School campus on Kano -Zaria Highway.

It was learnt that the crash occurred when two commercial buses – Toyota Hiace, with registration numbers KBT 152 XA and NSR 275 ZX – collided.

The state Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Zubairu Mato, who confirmed the crash to journalists, explained that the accident,

which involved 45 passengers, resulted in the death of 19 persons, while 26 others suffered varying degree of injuries.

According to Mato, the injured persons were evacuated to Kura General Hospital for medical attention, while the remains of the deceased were handed over to their relatives at the Bebeji Police Division, Kano.

He said, “We received a distress call at about 7.30 am. On receiving the information, we quickly dispatched our personnel and vehicle to the scene of the incident to rescue the victims.

“A total of 45 passengers conveyed in the two buses were involved in the accident. 19 died (14 adult males, four adult females and one male child lost their lives), while 26 others sustained life threatening injuries.

“The accident occurred as a result of over speeding, reckless driving and loss of control, which led to a head-on collision and both vehicles burst into flame immediately, resulting in the death of 19 persons, while 36 others suffered varying degree of injuries.”

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by the bandits. But by the time the police arrived, the bandits had completed their operation and left.”

He further revealed that the gunmen later freed his sister on Wednesday, adding that his late father's wife and her baby were still in captivity.

Another source revealed that a health worker identified as Dini was also killed.

The spokesman for the Katsina State Police Command, Gambo Isah, however claimed nothing of such happened in the community.

“There was no any incident of such in Malumfashi, please. I just spoke with DPO,” he said.