FRSC blames speeding as 15 die in Bauchi crash

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A fatal crash at Nabardo town along Bauchi-Jos Road in the Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State on Thursday claimed the lives of 15 passengers.

City Round gathered that seven others sustained varying degrees of injury in the crash, which was caused by speeding and dangerous driving.

The crash involved two vehicles, a Toyota Hiace bus with the number plate, YLA 984XA, belonging to the Adamawa Sunshine Transport Corporation, and a Howo trailer, with the number plate, DKD32 XB, belonging to Dangote Company.

The Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Bauchi State, Yusuf Abdullahi, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Thursday night.

He said, "Yes, there was a crash today, Thursday, February 23, 2023. The incident happened at Nabardo town in Toro LGA of Bauchi State.

"It involved two vehicles belonging to Adamawa Sunshine and Dangote. It occurred at 3.30pm; we were informed at 3.45pm and it took our men eight minutes to get to the scene for a rescue operation.

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"A total of 22 people, two female adults, 18 male adults, one male child and one female child, were involved in the crash that was caused by speed violation and dangerous driving, which led to loss of control.

"Our men evacuated the victims to Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital, Bauchi for medical treatment and confirmation.

"It was when they got there that a medical doctor confirmed 15 people – 12 male adults, one female adult, the male and female children – dead. Six male adults and one female adult sustained various degrees of injury."

The FRSC boss stated that the corpses were deposited in the morgue of the teaching hospital, after which they would be released to the deceased's families for burial.

He explained that the rescue of the victims was done in collaboration with men of the Nigeria Police Force.