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A fatal road accident has claimed the lives of no fewer than 13 persons in Sokoto State. The tragic incident occurred on Thursday night at Tudun-Dukiya vil- lage, near Dogon Karfe, about 10 kilometres to II lela town in the state. Women and children were among the victims. An eyewitness told Saturday Sun that the accident occurred at 9.00 pm. "It involved a Peugeot J-5 bus travelling from Jos, Plateau State to Illela and a Toyota Starlet car travel ling from Illela to Sokoto."

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in Sokoto State, Dr. Umar Gummi confirmed the accident to journalists on Friday. Gummi said that the two vehicles caught fire after a head-on collision. The sector command er also said that 14 others, including women and children, were injured. Gummi said that some of them were seriously injured, with some having first degree burns.

He stated that some of the injured persons were receiving treatment at the Illela General Hospital, while others were referred to the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto.

"As for the deceased persons, they were burnt beyond recognition," Gummi explained..

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