17 killed in Niger auto crash

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The crash, which occurred around 6:00p.m, on Saturday, involved a Volkswagen Sharan car and a Peugeot wagon.

The Sharan vehicle had 10 persons on board, including the driver, while the Peugeot wagon had seven persons, including the driver.

All persons on board the

two cars died. Fourteen of them died on the spot, while three died on arrival at an hospital in Nasko town.

One of the vehicles was heading out of Niger, while the other was travelling to Niger State from Kebbi State. A Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Abdullahi Ibrahim, confirmed the accident.

He said the two cars collided when one of them tried to dodge a pothole. He attributed the tragic incident to speeding.

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