10 die in Kaduna-Abuja road crash

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TEN travellers (eight men and two women) were killed in another head-on collision road crash involving two vehicles at kilometre 26, close to Olam Farms, along Kaduna-Abuja highway on Monday.

Several fatal accidents, including the one that claimed 14 lives on October 16 this year, happened around Olam Farms due to unending road repairs by the Federal Government and palpable fear of

reported cases of kidnapping around that axis of the deplorable highway.

Details of the vehicles involved are a commercial golf car, maroon colour, with the registration number: ABC 700 AE, and a Nissan X-Trail, dark brown colour, with registration number: YAB 198 CA.

Available information revealed that the dead bodies were evacuated and deposited at St Gerald Catholic Hospital, Kakuri, Kaduna, while the driver of the Nissan, who survived the crash,

is receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital.

Confirming the development, via a telephone call, Acting Sector Commander, Kaduna State Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Deputy Corps Commander Garba Lawal, said the crash occurred due to over-speeding.

"The crash involved two vehicles - one gulf and one Nissan. Eleven people were involved and that is nine males and two females. Ten of them (eight males and two females) were killed in the crash. The crash

happened around 1:39pm, on Monday, and the response time was about 10 minutes. It was caused by over speeding," he said.

A source, who spoke in confidence, said the diversion as a result of the repair on the road, which has been at snail's speed, coupled with kidnapping makes motorists speed at top speed around the area.

"The state of the road coupled with the issue of banditry, people plying the road usually entertain fear once they get to the Olam Farm area, and that is the problem. They will start moving as if there is no tomorrow," the source said.