

17 killed, 3 injured in Kano auto crash

SEVENTEEN people were killed while three others suffered injuries of varying degrees in an auto crash which occurred in Yaura village, on Wudil-Bauchi Road, in Albasu Local Government Area of Kano State.

The Kano State Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr Ibrahim Sallau Abdullahi, who confirmed the incident in a statement signed by the Public Relations Officer, Abdullahi Labaran, yesterday, in Kano, said the accident involved a Honda Accord with registration number NSR 81

VW and a Volkswagen Sharon (bus) with registration number NNG 275 XA.

The statement noted that the accident, in which one person escaped unhurt, occurred on Wednesday afternoon.

"Motorists passing by informed our patrol operatives, at about 14.20pm, about the accident. On receiving the information, we quickly dispatched our personnel and vehicle to the scene of the incident to rescue the victims at 14.25pm," Abdullahi said.

The sector commander explained that the crash oc-

curred as a result of excessive speed, wrongful overtaking which led to loss of control and head on collision, with one of the vehicles bursting into fire immediately.

"The crash involved a total of 21 passengers in the two vehicles, out of which 11 adult males, five adult females and one male child lost their lives, while three others sustained serious injuries — one adult male, one adult female and one male child," he said.

Abdullahi said the injured were taken to Wudil General Hospital for treatment, while the bodies of the deceased

were handed over to their relatives. He advised motorists to obey traffic rules and regulations, to avoid needless deaths and injuries on our roads.

The sector commander commiserated with families of the victims and prayed for the repose of souls of the departed.

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