

# 12 killed, 5 injured in Zaria-Kano highway accident

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**Twelve passengers were confirmed dead, while five others were injured in a fatal accident that occurred at Samawa village in Garin Mallam LGA on Zaria- Kano Expressway on Friday.**

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Kano State Command said that the lone crash occurred about 2: 40am, adding that it involved a DAF Trailer CF95 model with registration number KMC 931 ZE, which was carrying a mixed-load of goods (Ajinomoto spices) and passengers.

A statement signed by the Public Relations Officer of the Corps in the state, Abdullahi Labaran, noted: “Preliminary investigations revealed that the crash was caused by a mechanical fault when

the trailer's cab hook broke, causing the trailer cab to detach from the trailer body, resulting in loss of control

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“A total of 19 persons were involved in the crash: 12 killed, five injured and two were rescued unhurt. The deceased were deposited at Nasarawa Hospital, while the injured were taken to Kura General Hospital for immediate medical attention.

“The Sector Commander, MB Bature, who visited the crash scene, lamented the needless loss of lives, which he described as avoidable if safety consciousness was prioritised, especially avoiding overloading of goods, animals, and passengers in the same vehicle.

“ He stressed that drivers must strictly adhere to traffic rules and regulations or face stiffer sanctions,” the statement emphasised.

He extended his heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased and wished the injured victims a speedy recovery.