A source said Tuesday that the first accident which happened on Monday night claimed six lives while three others were badly injured.

The information officer of Mayo-Belwa Local Government Area, Kabiru Kelly, said the accident involving a Sharon bus occurred when the driver attempted to avoid a pothole but lost control and rammed onto a pole.

He said the dead had been taken to the Yola Specialist Hospital while the injured victims were receiving treatment at the Mayo-Belwa Cottage Hospital.