

Meanwhile, the spokesman for the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Rilwan Suleiman, confirmed the death of five people in the Bauchi accident.

In a telephone interview with journalists, Suleiman said that the accident involved a trailer and a Peugeot 406 which had a head on collision leading to the death of the five people.

According to him, eight people were involved in the accident.

Sulaiman said the driver of the Peugeot 406 veered off his lane into the lane of the trailer “despite the fact that the driver of the trailer did all he could to avoid him, but the two vehicles were over speeding. The trailer had a speed mark of almost about 50 to 60 meters before hitting the Peugeot 406”.

He said: “On Saturday, about 1.30a.m., there was a motor accident about 30 kilometres away from Bauchi town involving a trailer with registration number FJ 607 MKA white and blue in colour and a Peugeot 406 car, ash in colour with registration number KRF 13 AA.

“The accident occurred when the Peugeot 406, which was coming to Bauchi, tried to dodge a bad portion of the road but lost control and ran into the trailer which was heading to Jos and they had a head-on collision.”

“As a result, all the occupants of the Peugeot 406, two female adults and three male adults, sustained severe injuries. Our men immediately rushed to the scene after receiving the information and rushed them to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital, Bauchi for medical attention. Unfortunately, they were confirmed dead on arrival by a medical doctor.”

Suleiman said that because of the impact of the accident, it took his men hours before they succeeded in removing the Peugeot from the trailer.

He said: “The trailer crushed the Peugeot and the Peugeot was under the trailer. We had to seek the services of two cranes and it took us several hours before we were able to separate the two vehicles.”