

4 Soldiers Die, 13 Injured In Lone Bauchi Road Accident

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has confirmed the death of four soldiers in a lone auto crash at Kilometre 21 in Lago Village on the Bauchi-Maiduguri Expressway.

Bauchi FRSC sector commander, Yusuf Abdulahi, confirmed the incident yesterday to reporters in Bauchi.

He said that 13 others sus-

tained various degrees of injuries in the crash that involved the vehicle the soldiers were travelling in.

According to him, they were reportedly travelling to Abuja in a commercial Toyota Bus, white in colour with registration number ASU 363-XA, for an "official assignment" when the incident happened.

"We got information of a crash that occurred this after-

noon at about 1.36 pm at Kilometers 21 Lago Village along Darazo-Kari Road in Darazo local government area of the state.

"Immediately, our personnel rushed to the scene for a rescue operation within 20 minutes. They evacuated the victims to General Hospital, Darazo for treatment and confirmation.

"It was at the hospital that four of them were confirmed

dead by a medical doctor. The corpses were deposited at the same hospital; the remaining 13 of them sustained various degrees of injuries including bruises, head injuries and fractures.

"The information gathered is that they are Army personnel going to Abuja on an official assignment and some were referred to the Specialist Hospital Bauchi for treatment," he said.