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8 Die in Road Accidents

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Eight persons were killed weekend, while 29 others were injured in three separate road accidents in Yobe State.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that two mass transit buses conveying 37 passengers from Kano to Damaturu, and Gashua to Damaturu, had burst tyres and somersaulted severally, leading to the death of the eight victims.

Another truck, which was said to be unfamiliar with the road and driving at high speed, crashed, and injured eight people. NAN learnt that the bus transiting from Kano to Damaturu, was just two kilometers away from its destination when its tyre burst, leaving three persons, including a nursing mother and her child dead.

The Gashua to Damaturu bus also had a tyre burst and somersaulted several times, leaving five people dead and many others injured.

NAN learnt that 11 out of the 29 people were treated and discharged, while others were referred to the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital.

Yobe State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr Emmanuel Ekekwe, confirmed the three accidents, attributing them to over speeding.

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