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Auto Accident Claims 7 Lives

From Mohammed Aminu in Sokoto, 10.19.2009

No fewer than seven people including an infant lost their lives at the weekend in a ghastly motor accident along Sokoto-Gusau road.

THISDAY checks revealed that two vehicles which included a commercial bus and a Honda Accord car were gutted by fire, which made it difficult for the victims to be rescued by nearby villagers.

An eye witness told newsmen that the incident occurred, when the Honda Accord car with Federal Capital Territory (FCT) registration number BP 681 ABC rammed into a commercial vehicle with Kano registration number XD 159 FGE while trying to overtake it.

The seven victims in the Honda Accord and other six passengers were reportedly burnt beyond recognition while three others who survived the accident, are currently receiving treatment at the Usman Dan Fodio University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto.

State commandant of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr. Christopher Ademolusi, who confirmed the incident, however attributed the fatal accident to speed violation and wrong overtaking, advising motorists to adhere to speed limit and observe highway rules.

According to him, the incident occurred as a result of wrong overtaking on the part of the Honda Accord driver based on the information given to FRSC rescue team after the accident.

He said the Command will continue to sensitise road users on the danger of over speeding, over loading and over taking while driving.

Ademolusi maintained that passengers have the right to caution any driver who deviates from such rules, pointing out that they have the right to come down from such vehicles and board another one

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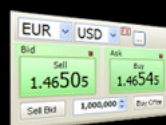
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