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**Accident claims 6 lives on Maiduguri-Damaturu road**

Six persons died on Sunday in a ghastly motor accident that involved a petrol tanker and a 16-seater Toyota Hiace bus on the Maiduguri-Damaturu road.

The News Agency of Nigeria(NAN) reports that the petrol tanker took off from Maiduguri and was heading toward Damaturu, when it suddenly lost control and rammed into the bus, which was coming from Daura, Katsina state.

The victims of the accident, which occurred at the Aunol village, include children, whose ages could not be immediately ascertained.

NAN reports that it took the combined efforts of FRSC officials and some security agents several hours to evacuate the corpses and the injured victims to the Maiduguri Specialist Hospital.

An eyewitness told NAN that immediately the accident occurred, the tanker driver fled from the scene.

The FRSC Commandant in Borno, Mr Donatus Edey, who confirmed the accident, warned drivers of articulated vehicles to exercise necessary caution when plying the highways.

He said efforts would be made by his men to arrest the tanker driver and get him prosecuted.

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