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Auto crash: 6 burnt to ashes

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No fewer than six people were burnt to ashes as a result of head-on collision between two vehicles coming from opposite directions on the Bauchi-Kano road at Faru village of Birnin-Kudu local government in Jigawa state.

Eye-witness told our correspondent that one of the vehicles, a Peugeot 504 saloon car carrying five people from Bauchi state to Kano, crashed headlong into an incoming Vectra Opel car coming from the Kano axis, following which the two cars immediately burst into flames.

Further investigation revealed that frantic efforts were made by sympathizers at the scene of the accident to rescue the victims but which proved abortive as the raging flames defied even the efforts of the fire servicemen from the state capital, Dutse who arrived the scene much later.

Daily Triumph recalled that sometimes last year, a similar accident had occurred at the same place leading to the mass burial of over 14 people.

It was further learnt that the auto crash victims had since been buried in a mass grave just a few yards away from the scene of the accident.

Our correspondent reports that in his effort to avert such accidents along Jigawa state roads, Governor Sule Lamido had constituted a high-powered committee comprising of the police, Nigerian Union of Road Transport Workers [NURTW] and Federal Roads Safety Commission [FRSC] officials among others to monitor vehicles carrying over-load of both humans and goods.

All effort to contact Federal Road Safety Commission officials for comment on the incident also proved abortive.

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