

12 die in Kano auto crash

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LAFIA—TWELVE occupants of a Kano bound commercial bus lost their lives yesterday, in a road accident at Guma'a boundary between Benue and Nasarawa states.

Six others, are now receiving treatment at the Intensive Care Units of the Nasarawa State owned Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital, Lafia and the Federal Medical Centre, Makurdi, respectively.

The accident was said to have occurred at about 12:30 a.m. when the bus, an 18 seater Toyota Hiace that loaded from Makurdi, tried to overtake another on-going vehicle at the point, thereby having a head-on-collision with an on-coming 911 lorry.

Route Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Nasarawa State Com-

mand, Mr Mathew Lawal, who spoke to journalists at the Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital, where the corpses were taken to, said the Kano bound 18 seater bus had inscription of Chicken sellers Association of Nigeria, Abuja branch, on it while the 911 lorry was of an orange colour.

Mr Lawal, who gave the number of the Toyota bus as SA 790 KRV and the 911 lorry as SA 272 GRU, said out of the dead passengers, ten were men, one was a woman and a boy of about five years.

The Route Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Lafia Command blamed the accident on over-speeding just as he advised drivers to be more cautious when they are on steering.

He called on those whose relatives had boarded vehicle to Kano to come to check morgues for identification.