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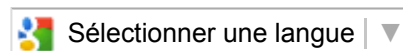
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Preliminary reports from the Federal Roads Safety Commission, FRSC, showed that the J5 was travelling to Sokoto from Lokoja while the Marcopolo bus belonging to GUO Group of Companies, was heading towards Lagos from Kano when the J5 driver suddenly swerved off his lane into the other lane apparently due to fatigue, resulting in a collision with the luxury bus.

The commission further reported that on arrival at the scene of the crash, 17 occupants of the J5 bus were confirmed dead while an additional person died at the hospital and nine others were left with serious injuries. The rescue team also recovered N217,000 from the wrecked J5 bus which they promised to hand over to the victims' relations.

Details of the fatal crash indicate that of the 96 people involved, 70 were male, 16 female and 10 children comprising seven male and three female.

Among the nine injured, two were female while all dead victims were male adults. Thirteen of the corpses were deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital mortuary while four others were taken to morgue at Kwali General Hospital.

Meantime, the Corps has expressed shock at the crash which occurred barely few hours after the end of the 2013 Easter patrol operations which was deemed to have recorded fewer crashes compared to last year's celebration.

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It further appeals to motorists to strictly avoid night journeys due to the inherent dangers associated with such trips.