

Auto crash claims 11 lives in Potiskum- Damaturu Highway

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MAIDUGURI — A ghastly auto crash involving a Golf saloon car and a truck along Potiskum-Damaturu-Maiduguri federal highway yesterday claimed the lives of 11 passengers, while three others sustained serious injuries.

Those injured included a woman (name withheld) and her 16 year old female relative who was traveling with her from Calabar, Cross River State to Maiduguri to assist her in her business. The girl lost her two arms.

Eye witnesses said that the accident occurred on Monday at about 4pm, when the driver of the gulf car lost control in an attempt to overtake a truck heading towards Potiskum to Damaturu, adding that the vehicle later skipped off the road and plunged into a deep valley with the victims.

A relative of one of the injured victims, Miss Felicia Michika told *Vanguard* that the incident was terrible adding that she moved from Maiduguri to the scene to evacuate the Calabar woman with her relative who suffered spinal cord injuries.

"The woman who suffered spinal cord injury alongside her 16 year female relative is my business colleague, and when I heard about the incident involving her, I had no option than to move to the scene to offer assistance."

All effort to reach the authorities of the Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, in Damaturu, the Yobe State capital proves abortive as at the time of going to press.

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