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## Bauchi auto crash kills 13, injures 4

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Bauchi—No fewer than 13 persons were killed, while four others sustained injuries in an auto crash on the Bauchi-Jos Road, Nabodo village in Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

It was further learned that the accident, which occurred around 5p.m., yesterday, involved an Opel Vectra and Toyota Sharon bus.

Eyewitnesses account revealed that the accident may have been caused by the carelessness of a motorcycle rider, who suddenly crossed the road, leading to a head-on collision of the vehicles.

Confirming the incident, Police Public Relations Officer of the Bauchi State Command, Haruna Mohammed, said: “There was a fatal motor vehicles/motorcycle accident on Sabon Garin Nabordo in Toro council of Bauchi State, involving a Black Toyota Sharon bus with number plate KTG -282-XG, conveying nine passengers from Jos heading to Bauchi, and a white Opel Vectra with number plate TRR- 355-XA, conveying seven passengers from Bauchi and heading to Jos.”

According to him, the accident occurred when the motorcyclist, who without due care and attention, suddenly crossed the highway and the vehicles had a head-on collision while trying to avoid the motorcyclist.

He said: “As a result, 12 passengers and the motorcyclist died on the spot, while four others sustained various degrees of injuries.”

Mohammed said Police patrol team attached to Toro Division had visited the scene and evacuated the victims to Nabordo Clinic for medical attention and post-mortem examination.

He said: “Presently, the identities of the victims are yet to be ascertained. As such, members of the public, whose relatives embarked on the journey on same route, are advised to visit the clinic for possible identification of their relatives. Investigation is on.”