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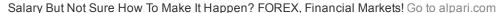
FRSC pegs speed limit for trucks, cars

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THE Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has pegged the speed limits of trucks and cars to 80 and 120 kilometres per hour (Kph), respectively with effect from January 1, 2017 to reduce rates of auto crashes and deaths on roads and highways in the country, the Borno State Sector Commander of FRSC, Shehu Iliyasu has disclosed.

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Iliyasu made this known on Friday in Maiduguri, in an interactive session with journalists on the implementation and safety of installing speed limiters in

vehicles in the state. He said that most of the auto crashes that killed and injured many people in the state, are caused by over speeding.



FRSC-operatives

Citing Beneshiekh's recent auto crash in Borno, Iliyasu said: "The deaths of 24 people last July at Benisheikh town could have been avoided, if the bus had a speed limiter installed. The driver was on top speed, but he could not negotiate the 45 degree angle road into the town, before

crashing to kill 25 people with 16 others injured."

He said that when a driver, is on top speed, there is a tendency for tyre busts and veering off the road or highway to crash into a ditch or side tree and buildings.

"These are what we wanted to avoid on our roads and highways with these speed limiters for drivers to travel or commute within a maximum speed of 80-120kph," said the Sector Commander.

He said that the FRSC is collaborating with the Nigerian Customs Services (NCS) and Manufacturers Association of Nigerian (MAN) to comply fully with speed limits on roads and highways.

He added that this year; 13 cases of auto crashes were reported in Borno state; with 34 deaths, while 26 people were also injured. He also noted that a

Stakeholders' workshop would soon be organised in Maiduguri to enlighten drivers, motorists and tricycle riders on the importance of Vehicles Speed Limiters (VESL) and the safe use of roads.

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He however noted that the refeedback on the compliance protect more lives and property in

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