8 persons, cattle die in Katsina auto crash

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The Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, has confirmed the death of eight persons alongside many cattle in an accident on Katsina-Kano Road in Charanchi Local Government Area of Katsina State.

Alhaji Abdu Bagadawa, the FRSC Sector Commander, disclosed yesterday in Katsina that the accident occurred on Sunday evening at Eka village.

He said that an articulated vehicle, with number plates XA 247 DTS, was carrying cattle and 58 passengers to the southern parts of the country.

Bagadawa said that one of the trailer's tyres burst, which made it to skid off the road and run into a ditch, killing some passengers and animals.

It was gathered that many cattle were killed, while others ran into the bush.

Bagadawa further explained that the FRSC had to use a towing van to lift the vehicle up before they could remove some of the corpses.

The Sector Commander explained that eight persons died on the spot, while 38 others sustained various degrees of injuries.

According to him, the corpses and injured persons were taken to Katsina General Hospital.

"I want to use this medium to strongly warn people to desist from entering such vehicles, where they will be mixed up with animals, for safety of their lives," he said.