

19 persons returning from wedding die in auto crash in Jigawa

At least 19 persons were killed, yesterday, in a road accident in Gwaram Local Government Area of Jigawa State.

The accident happened at Gwaram Sabuwa, around 11:30 a.m. close to Government Girls Unity College.

A witness said the accident occurred when the front tyre of an overloaded bus burst. The bus, after somersaulting, burst into flames. He said the victims were burnt beyond recognition.

"I saw six corpses of newborn babies attached to their mothers' corpses," he said.

The bus, which had a sitting capacity of 19, had about 40 persons (mostly women and children) in it when the accident happened.

Jigawa police spokesperson, Audu Jinjiri, confirmed the report, saying 19 persons were killed while 21 sustained 'severe injuries.

The commuters were from Zangon community in Katagum Local Government Area, heading to Gadan Maiwa community in Ningi Local Government Area, both in Bauchi State.

The victims were said to be friends and relatives, coming from a wedding ceremony.