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Auto crashes claim 12 in Bauchi, Nasarawa hill known as 'Many Have Gone'

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a pothole on the road when the vehicles collided.

NO fewer than 12 lives were, yesterday, lost to road accidents in Bauchi and Nasarawa states.

One of the deceased was a student of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, ATBU.

Seven other students of the institution escaped with various degrees of injuries after a head-on collision between a Vectra car and a Sharon mini-bus at Dungal village along Jos-Bauchi Road.

Eyewitnesses said the drivers were trying to dodge

2 In Nasarawa, 11 persons died, with four others injured in the accident that occurred in Akwanga Local Government Area of the state.

The accident, which occurred at about 12noon at a popular hill known as *Many Have Gone* in Wowyen village, involved a trailer loaded with cement and three other vehicles.

Officials of FRSC, Army and the Police were drafted to the scene of the incident to assist in the rescue operation.

Nasarawa State Sector Commander of FRSC, Ismaila Kugu, confirmed the accident,

saying "three vehicles and 15 persons were also involved in the accident. Four persons were injured, while 11 were killed."

On the Bauchi accident, an eyewitness said: "The accident happened in the early hours of yesterday, when two vehicles going in opposite directions tried to dodge a pothole on the road. They collided and it resulted to a bloody crash."

The Public Relations Officer of Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Bauchi Sector Command, Rilwan Sulaiman, said the accident involved a commercial Vectra car and a

Sharon, explaining that the Sharon mini-bus was conveying students of ATBU to Bauchi when it collided with a Vectra car, which the driver died.

He said: "An accident occurred in the early hours of today (yesterday) that claimed one life and injured about seven ATBU students. It was a collision between a Vectra car and a Sharon mini-bus.

"Our operatives swiftly moved to the scene to rescue the victims. Though we lost one, we were able to rescue others. The corpse of the dead driver has been deposited at the ATBU Teaching Hospital."