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12 killed in Niger car accident

FEDERAL Road Safety Corps, FRSC, in Niger State has said 12 people died in an accident on Sunday at Sawmill village along Mokwa-Makera Road in Mokwa Local Government Area of the state.

The FRSC Sector Commander in the state, Joel Dagwa, yesterday, in Minna, said the accident involved a truck with number plates KJ 555 XX heading to Lagos.

Dagwa said the truck that came from Maiduguri picked

passengers from Zaria in Kaduna State before heading to Lagos.

"The accident involved 103 people: 55 females, 40 males, eight children, five adults," he said.

He said 12 people were killed, while 91 that sustained injuries were taken to Mokwa general hospital for treatment.

"All the 12 corpses have been deposited at the hospital's morgue," he said.

He blamed the accident on

speeding at a bend on the road.

The Sector Commander said the Corps would continue to monitor road users to guard against overloading and dangerous driving.

"We have since embarked on aggressive patrols across all major highways to ensure that road users adhere strictly to traffic rules and regulations to avoid road accidents before, during and after the Christmas and New Year festivities," he said.

Police fled with the