

13 feared dead in Bauchi multiple accidents as FRSC records 8 bodies

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NOT fewer than 13 lives were reported lost by eyewitnesses in multiple automobile accidents that occurred within intervals of hours along Bauchi-Jos road.

Saturday Vanguard gathered from eyewitnesses that the accidents occurred at Tashan Maiturare and Takandan Giwa yesterday in Toro local government area of Bauchi state.

According to eyewitness accounts, "The first accident which occurred at about 9pm on Thursday involved a Peugeot J5 bus with another car in a head-on collision and was gutted with flame. At least, 11 victims died on the spot with many others injured."

"The second accident occurred in the early hours of Friday involving a Vectra car which had a lone accident, close to Takandan Giwa village when it swerved off the road into the bush leaving two dead while others were injured."

Reacting, the Head of Operations, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Bauchi Sector Command, Ibrahim Abubakar confirmed the accidents. However, he said that only eight people died in the first accident while refuting eyewitness account that two died in the second accident.

Abubakar who gave a different account, said that "Multiple fatal crashes occurred on the 27th February, 2020 by 8.17pm, at Tashan-Maiturare, along Bauchi-Jos road which was caused by over speeding and tyre of a vehicle bursting. Two vehicles, a white commercial Ducato Bus with registration number BLG625XA and a blue commercial Galaxy minibus were involved in the crash and 11 people (10 males and 1 female) were involved in the crash."

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