

10 feared dead, scores injured in Bauchi auto crashes

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BAUCHI—A nursing mother and nine others heading to a local market in Dukku Local Government Area of Gombe State, yesterday, lost their lives in two different motor accidents in Bauchi State with many sustaining injuries.

① One of the road crashes occurred around 11 am at Dungulbi village, about 10 kilometres from Bauchi metropolis, along the Bauchi-Gombe road where two people died on the spot.

The accident involved a Toyota Hummer bus belonging to National Tourism Development Commission, NTDC, which had a head-on collision with a Sharon commercial bus conveying passengers to

Gombe State.

According to an eyewitness, the Hummer bus conveying the NTDC staff heading back to Abuja after a programme they had at the Yankari Game Reserve collided with an oncoming Sharon commercial bus along Darazo-Dukku road.

② The second accident involved a truck conveying over 70 people to a market before it skidded off the road, killing at least eight people and injuring several others.

The traders had reportedly boarded the truck from Darazo town of Darazo Local Government Area en route Dukku market in Gombe State, yesterday morning, when the unfortunate incident occurred.

Confirming the incident, Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Bauchi State, Yusuf Abdullahi, said he could not accurately give details of casualties at press time.

He said: "Yes, there was an accident this morning (yesterday) involving over 70 people who were in a truck going to Dukku market.

"The truck skidded off the road and threw the people away. They were hung on the truck. It took us (FRSC) hours to carry out the rescue operation and the victims are being sorted out.

"I cannot tell you the exact number of casualties but some of the people have died. As soon as we are done sorting, I will give you the full details of the incident.