



Many feared dead in Bauchi auto crash

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BAUCHI—SEVERAL passengers reportedly died while others were burnt beyond recognition in a fatal crash that occurred Tuesday night at Dungulbi, close to the Muslim burial site in Bauchi State.

According to an eyewitnesses, the vehicles caught fire at about 9.20 pm after a head-on collision with another vehicle while trying to dodge a pothole, about 10km

away from Bauchi metropolis along the Bauchi-Gombe highway.

Vanguard could not independently confirm details of the crash as at press time, but the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Bauchi State confirmed that three persons died in the auto crash on the Bauchi-Gombe Road.

The Sector Commander, Yusuf Abdullahi, who made the confirmation, yesterday, said that two other persons sustained serious injuries in the accident.

He said that it took the corps barely 26 minutes to arrive at the scene of the crash.

According to him, the accident involved an Opel Vectra car, with number plates DSA 120 AA and a Toyota Hiace, with number plates GME 74 YX.

Abdullahi blamed the accident on a burst tyre in one of the vehicles, adding that the Toyota Hiace immediately went up in flames.

He said: "Six people were involved in the crash and they were all males. Three died on the

spot, two sustained injuries and one was unhurt."

He said the injured persons were taken to Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Teaching Hospital for treatments, while the remains of the deceased were deposited in the morgue.

Abdullahi advised motorists to ensure that all their vehicle parts were in good condition before embarking on a journey.

"Motorists should always be conscious of road traffic rules and regulations as well as weather conditions at all times.

