

13 die in Bauchi multiple auto crashes

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BAUCHI—NO fewer than five persons have died in a fatal crash on Sunday night at Zalanga village along Bauchi-Darazo road 12 hours after eight persons were killed in an earlier accident on Saturday night at Goltukurwa village, along Dass-Bauchi road.

The state Sector Commander of FRSC, Yusuf Abdullahi, who confirmed the accident to journalists, yesterday, said the Sunday accident occurred at 10.00pm.

Abdullahi said five others sustained injuries, explaining that the accident involved a Sharon bus with number plate, DRZ 887 XA, belonging to the National Union of

Road Transport Workers, NURTW, and one truck that happened along Darazo-Bauchi road.

The Sector Commander, who said it took personnel of the corps about 39 minutes to arrive at the scene to clear the site, attributed the accident to obstruction.

He explained that 10 persons were involved in the crash and they were all males.

"The Sharon bus conveying the 10 trailer truck and five of them died while five others sustained injuries," he said.

He also said the corpses of the deceased had been taken to Darazo General Hospital for identification, adding that the injured were also taken to the same hospital for treatment.

He said: "I want to use this opportunity to plead with motorists to always be conscious of all traffic rules and regulations as well as weather conditions before embarking on a journey.

"FRSC will remain on the roads across the state to ensure that users abide by and observe all the road traffic regulations.

"Anybody found guilty will not be spared, no matter his or her status."

According to him, eight people lost their lives in a fatal accident that occurred in Goltukurwa Village along Dass-Bauchi road at 9:30 p.m on Saturday.

He said the accident involving an Opel Vectra car and one Mercedes tipper was as a result of overloading, speed violation and head-on-collision.

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